

Prairie Sky School

201 Skyview Ranch Rd NE Calgary, AB, T3N 2E7

School Council Meeting – June 9, 2025, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – June 9, 2025

5:45 PM @ Prairie Sky School

* Indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order meeting – 5:44pm – Britney calls meeting to order

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Grade 5 and 9 Teams

2. 5:42pm - Review of the Agenda – Copies of agenda made available for attendees to review

3. 5:42pm - Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) – Britney motions, Laura seconded
 - a. May minutes passed



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4. Teacher Share – 5:43 pm start

- This month we hear from the Grade 5 and 9 Teams

Grade 5 Learning Highlights Include

- a) Social Studies – Classes are engaged in aspects of Anthropology and Archaeology focused on various Indigenous groups lifestyles such as storytelling, barter, tools and artifacts
- b) These lessons allow students to gather information from various sources related to topics that interest them, then compile that information to be delivered in various formats, much success has been seen in Podcast format which allows for group collaboration and presentation
- c) English Language Arts – Classes completed novel study exercises practicing writing techniques, sketch noting and compiling compelling story aspects into visual representations
- d) Word work – suffixes ent + ant, vocabulary building and word classification, poetry and haiku writing, spoken word delivery and performance techniques
- f) Math – Perimeter work, volume calculations, teachers cleverly combining a trip to Calgary Zoo with a exercise in information collection and survey mapmaking
- g) Science – Physics and energy, natural forces like air and water and their impacts on geographical formations, climate, weather and other Earth systems explored
- h) Environmental survival scenarios, teachers having students role play isolation and group survival situations allowing a deeper exploration of local resources and how they would best be managed in unique situations
- i) Matter density and Astronomical phenomena of students choosing for research and presentation, the Solar system is so humongous big right?
- j) Field Trips – Teachers organized and executed trips to the City of Calgary Safety Expo, Telus Spark and Calgary Zoo

Grade 9 Learning Highlights Include

- a) Our wonderful and talented Grade 9 teachers have successfully guided another PSS graduating class through an educational and eventful year, filled with achievement and aspiration we fondly bid farewell to the graduating class of 2025 as they transition into High School next year
- b) Teachers present a through description of the process for High School class selection and learning path creation, the designated school students will be in is James Folwer and the grade 9 classes have had opportunities to visit and tour that facility, meet with staff and administrators and gain early experience for what High School will be like
- c) The course selection sheet is shown, pre-requisites detailed along with encouragement and reassurance that students are informed and prepared to best utilize the options available, Guidance counselors are available to encourage and assist with what can often seem overwhelming
- d) What we see in Grade 9 – Teachers share sage advice on how to form early healthy habits with regards to learning and nutrition, activities and curiosity as those strong foundations and behaviors will allow students to find their path and realize their potential
- e) Cooking Club – An amazing experience for all involved, allowing hands on learning and independence building as many students describe learning a recipe at school and then being able to make it for the family at home
- f) Wild Robot – Novel study and ELA activities completed over the year, another opportunity to examine both the movie and novel through comparison writing activities and analysis
- g) Field Trips this year included a movie night, Calgary Zoo and Inglewood Bird Sanctuary

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5. Principal Report – 6:04 pm start

a) Discussions around next year meeting format options, what days will work best and can we look at doing remote meetings, how can we best manage the time together and continue to enhance the learning experience at PSS

b) Modular Classrooms – Target of September is crucial for the current structure and planning of next year classes allocations, construction continuing and so far, administrators have been advised the project is on schedule

6. Open Floor – Year in Review– 6:15 pm start

a) Britney has prepared an awesome presentation summarizing the activities organized, challenges faced, and accomplishments achieved throughout the busy 2024 – 2025 school year

b) With our mission statement still ever present, we see how this has guided our council in best assisting the students and staff of PSS

c) Highlights this year include the Jo Out Loud anti bullying presentation, the Care Cupboards, promotion of traffic safety and engagement with local community businesses for donations and collaborations

d) Fundraising goals and lessons learned, the approval of Casino night process and now having a target date of next year has everyone involved very excited

e) Discussions around the council's structure and organization, who is in what role and for how long they can continue, anticipation of our first meeting next year and the potential for new parents to participate in council and expand into next year

f) Appreciation and praise all around, great job everyone, have a wonderful and restful summer

7. Next Meeting – September 15, 2025 @ 5:45pm

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:35 pm – Britney adjourns meeting