

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – February 10, 2025, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – February 10, 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

Harmeet - Incoming Chair

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Physical Education / Well-Being / Health and Music / Band team's

2. 5:44pm - Review of the Agenda – Copies of agenda made available for attendees to review

3. 5:45pm - Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) – Britney motions, Leslie seconded
 - a. January minutes passed



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4. Teacher Share – 5:45 pm start

- This month we hear from the Physical Education / Well-Being / Health and Music / Band team's

Music / Band learning highlights include

- a) Learning intentions are to instill an enjoyment of music in students, raise their awareness of the wide varieties and boost appreciation for the role music plays in cultures and societies
- b) Grade levels focus on early skills and continue to build towards more advanced concepts in later grades, these include singing, dancing and instruments
- c) Beat, rhythm and movement play key roles in class progression as well, exploring ways to enhance and elevate their expressive talents and build confidence along the way
- d) Hearing and matching beat to movement, being mindful of one's whole body while participating in dance
- e) Vocalizations – working with singing and other sounds, using vocal techniques like volume change and range as ways to encourage students to find their own unique voices and to harmonize with the voices around them. As students advance areas like enunciation and tune change are incorporated to continue students on their musical journey
- f) Instruments – Students are exposed to various instruments as they progress through grade levels, including things like xylophones, various types of drums and shakers then later to wind instruments like the recorder where notes and scales are studied
- g) Band – At grades 7 – 9 students have the option to participate in band where they can choose an instrument to work with and learn, these are fantastic collaborative opportunities where students engage, listen and harmonize together
- h) Assemblies – The Music / Band team has been a huge component to the success of several assemblies this year including the Winter Celebration and Kindness Assembly, teachers play a pivotal role in guiding students through all stages of the event planning and program preparation, allowing them to experience a side of music and performance they may have not considered before
- i) Body Percussion – Featured heavily and successfully executed by all during the Winter Celebration, students get to clap and stomp their way through the day while learning together in the positive environment provided
- j) Teachers share video of students of all grade levels participating in various classroom activities, many wonderful moments from kindergarten all the way up, music class offers a unique environment where collaboration is even more important and allows students to practice these essential group work skills

Physical Education / Well-Being / Health learning highlights include

- a) Learning intentions are to foster a safe environment for character development, exposing and establishing healthy eating and exercise habits, then extending to financial literacy and essential life planning skills
- b) Grades 7-9 benefit from further areas of study to cover individual wellness goals and choices, guiding them in their learning through complex development stages
- c) So Many Teams! – Teachers have done an amazing job of coordinating schedules and gym time to accommodate the many PSS Stars teams that are active and giving students new ways to challenge themselves and experience the camaraderie that comes with competitive team sports
- d) Schedules are also shared and presented detailing how the gym time is allocated among grade levels and allows for 3 classes per week for K-6 and 4 per week for 7-9
- e) This regular physical activity time for all students helps them build motor skills and competency, communication, cooperation and teamwork activities. Teachers maintain keen observance of skill development opportunities and areas of strength that allow them to give students the best possible avenues for further success
- f) Gym class is its own unique environment also, it's a place people can be a bit more loud than usual, get some emotions out in positive physical ways, work hard and reach new limits. Many ways exist to benefit from this learning tool and the PSS team has used them all to enhance the daily experience for many students
- g) Introduction of new games! Almost everyday someone is learning something new here, new games are

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explained and listening skills exercised as rules and steps are detailed, using these skills here prepares students for future classroom situations

h) Health and Wellness curriculum discussion, teachers share the year long plan and how specific sections will be delivered, the classroom portion is balanced along with gym time to allow a change of pace during the year and allowing students to make the most of the learning goals

i) Parent Roles – Teachers reiterate and provide key information for the best ways parents can participate and remain aware like an emotional check in, regular communication and reminders for children that they have trusted adults they can approach. This kind of home support will make the impact teachers can deliver even greater and see more of our student's potential realized

j) Teachers showcase the Google Classroom platform and showcase how it contains all related information to classroom activities and contact details for teachers allowing easy access for parents

5. Open Floor / Cindi – Local Charity Rep – 6:15 pm start

- a) We have a guest today from a local charity who comes offering a service that may allow us better access to funding. She has experience with this and has worked with other schools, often acting as a liaison with various organizations making navigating often complex regulations much easier for our council
- b) Cindi provides examples of how money can be allocated and types of supplies provided in past programs. She advises us to review our needs and return to her with a list of items or supplies that can be utilized at our school.
- c) Thank you, Cindi! We will talk again soon

6. Principal Report – 6:21 pm start

a) Modular Classrooms – Update on construction progress and expected availability date, still very early but work has begun, and crews are onsite. Administration has adjusted spaces inside the existing building, moving storage areas around to allow for incoming piping and plumbing connections

b) Updates on enrolment numbers, examples of incoming applications volumes and predications for future requirements, always an active and emphasized area that PSS administrators are experts at

c) With enrolment comes the challenges of space allocation, how to best use available spaces and present students with the most dynamic and varied experiences, using computer and industrial labs to their maximum potential by giving students the most access to them possible

d) Questions and Answers around current security camera monitoring systems in place at PSS, what avenues we have available to upgrade them? CBE would manage all such activities but as we grow as a school and or needs rise for such systems, we can explore applying for these upgrade programs

7. Next Meeting – March 10, 2025

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

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Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

February 10, 2025 @ 6:30 PM (Or following PSSC meeting)

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:35 PM
 - A) Britney opens meeting following PSSSC Meeting
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes –
 - A) January 2025 Minutes approved – Britney motions, Laura seconds
3. General Discussion
 - A) Laura has been in communication with Make It Sow representatives, they offer a seed sales service and are a perfect match for gardeners and the upcoming spring season, opportunities look hopeful for setting something up soon to start fundraiser and Laura will proceed with setting up an order
 - B) Bluegrass – Another garden/plant fundraiser opportunity that was successful last year, discussion around best time to plan and do one, May 7 is settled on
 - C) Field Trip deficit – Britney motions to allocate \$1000 to help offset costs incurred by recent field trip deficit, Leslie seconded, motion passed
 - D) Snack Shack funds – Leslie motions to make funds available for supplies and valentine treats, Britney seconds, motion passed
Edited to add, approved amount \$479.47
 - E) Fun Lunch – Vendors have been booked to cover now till year end, orders are open and being taken online
 - F) Presentations for uses of council grant money – Britney leads discussion around possible presenters that can come visit school do discuss various issues and topics, she has one in mind that seems a good fit and is themed around safe social media use and risk awareness. This will be funded by continuing education grant money organized and collected by Britney and provided on behalf of Alberta School Councils' Association
4. Meeting Adjourned
 - A) Meeting Adjourned – 6:55pm – Next meeting will be March 10, 2025, following School Council meeting