



Prairie Sky School Council

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Annual Report: 2025-2026 School Year

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Meeting Dates:

September 15, 2025 (first meeting of the year & AGM)

November 17, 2025

December 15, 2025

January 12, 2026

February 9, 2026

March 16, 2026

April 13, 2026

May 11, 2026

June 15, 2026

*Note: October meeting cancelled due to strike action

School Council Activities:

September - School Council

The School Council meeting opened the new school year with updates from Principal Bains, who welcomed families and explained the significant impact of delayed modular classroom construction on space, scheduling, and student placement. Enrollment pressures, waitlists, and temporary bussing to Manmeet Singh Bhullar School were reviewed, along with the arrival of 12 new teachers and staff changes. Council also discussed role responsibilities, the new Incoming Chair position, and ways to support student experiences such as traffic-safety field trips and collaboration with the Wellness Team. Meeting dates for the year were set, and Fun Lunch vendor planning began.

September - Fundraising Society

The Fundraising Society meeting focused on establishing a new casino-specific bank account and approving small expenditures, including \$100 for student freebies and \$20 for postage to ASCA. Fun Lunch dates for October and November were confirmed, with planning underway to include off-site Grade 6 students. The Apple Fundraiser launched with early orders received, and the group brainstormed future fundraising ideas such as Krispy Kreme, Purdys, Coco Brooks, meat boxes, pies, and flowers. Casino dates for February 2026 were reviewed, along with volunteer roles and operational expectations.

November – School Council

The School Council meeting featured a presentation from the Grade 3 team, who shared learning focused on identity, storytelling, and self-reflection through activities such as “What fuels your story?”, story objects, and literacy work inspired by *How Do You Spell Unfair?*. Students also explored Alberta landforms in science and upcoming field trips connected to local history. Incoming Principal Rowe was welcomed, and he provided updates on modular classroom use, discussed schedule adjustments following strike-related disruptions, and reviewed plans for parent-teacher conferences and potluck meals. Gear-order updates and strategies to meet minimum order requirements were also discussed.

November – Fundraising Society

Topics discussed in the Fundraising Society meeting included potential auditor requirements, ongoing volunteer recruitment for the February casino fundraiser, and planning for 2026 fundraising frequency. Updates were shared on active Purdy’s chocolate sales, and administration noted a shift toward evening assemblies to reduce daytime congestion. Future holiday-themed fundraising ideas were explored, and a motion passed to cover \$155.78 for staff-appreciation food plus \$20 for supplies.

December – School Council

The School Council meeting featured presentations from the Kindergarten and Grade 8 teams. Kindergarten teachers highlighted early-literacy routines, hands-on learning centers, number-sense activities, and buddy-class partnerships with Grade 5. Grade 8 teachers shared updates on math units (ratios and percentages), science labs on cells and osmosis, humanities studies on global worldviews and historical cultures, and planning for a Barrier Lake field trip. The principal reported on improved communication processes, upcoming outdoor-education trips for Grades 5 and 7, and updates on modular classroom functionality. Open-floor discussion focused on offering a teacher-appreciation coffee cart during March conferences, with a motion passed to fund up to \$600.

December – Fundraising Society

The fundraising society planned a Kernels popcorn fundraiser with plans to utilize the Healthy Hunger platform for streamlined ordering and delivery. Sorting and distribution dates were set for late January and February 2. Updates were shared on volunteer recruitment for the February casino fundraiser, and recent fundraising totals included \$200 from Subway and \$400 from Purdy's chocolates.

January – School Council

The School Council meeting featured presentations from the Grade 7 and Music teams. Grade 7 teachers highlighted literacy work on essay structure, persuasive writing, podcast reflections, Indigenous studies research, math units on integers and linear relations, and science experiments on heat, light, and Earth systems. The Music team shared updates on early-learning rhythm activities, sheet-music instruction, choir preparations, cultural appreciation, and upcoming performances. The principal reported on field trips (including Grade 5 & 7's outdoor education trip), upcoming conferences, report-card timelines, new technology supporting computer-science learning, public-address system planning, staffing updates, and kindergarten registration. Open-floor discussions included Grade 5 fundraising ideas (hot chocolate and candy grams), traffic-safety initiatives, and improved signage around the school.

January – Fundraising Society

The Fundraising Society meeting focused on volunteer coordination, ongoing Kernels fundraiser progress, and preparations for the February casino fundraiser. Spring fundraising ideas were discussed, including Bluegrass plants, Purdys, and Coco Brooks. Several funding motions passed: \$150 for Care Cupboard items, \$1,000 for field-trip fee support, \$650 for the Mahegun Tails event, and \$200 to support Grade 5's hot-chocolate and candy-gram initiatives. The group also noted that Trustee Cordova and the Area 4 Director planned to attend the February meeting.

February – School Council

The School Council meeting featured presentations from the Grade 4 team and the Wellness/School Learning Support Team, highlighting major learning projects such as the “Build a School” unit, blueprint design, math strategies, gravity experiments, and early Canadian settlement studies. The Wellness Team shared updates on student surveys, regulation support, Indigenous education, mentorship, and specialized learning plans. The principal reported on the need for a book-binding machine, new peer-support initiatives, window-blind upgrades, and upcoming student-led conferences. Open-floor discussions included playground conditions, and updates from Trustee Cynthia Cordova and Area 4 Director Lisa Nachtigal on budgets, staffing, new school construction, and community engagement.

February – Fundraising Society

The Fundraising Society meeting included updates on the Kernels popcorn fundraiser, an amended funding total for the Care Closet, and approval of \$200 toward a book-binding machine for the library. Additional discussions covered volunteer recruitment for the upcoming casino fundraiser, spring plant sales through Bluegrass Greenhouses, and exploring “Art Keepsakes” as a creative new fundraising option.

March – School Council

The School Council meeting featured presentations from the Grade 5 team and the Physical Education/Well-Being/Health team. Grade 5 teachers highlighted Kindness Month writing, fraction work, Ancient Civilizations studies, space science, and shared that their Hot Chocolate fundraiser raised \$1,300, with a new Lemonade fundraiser proposed. The PE/Well-Being team described programs focused on cooperative games, fitness, confidence building, health education, and enrichment opportunities, including a guest presentation from professional soccer player Farkhunda Muhtaj. The principal reported on conference-night appreciation, the School Development Plan, the \$7M school budget and fee structure, and upcoming security upgrades including video surveillance and improved access control. Additional SDP data and goals were reviewed, emphasizing belonging, literacy, numeracy, and formative assessment. The open floor included discussion of the upcoming COSC meeting on April 22.

March – Fundraising Society

The Fundraising Society meeting reviewed ongoing fundraising efforts, including the Blue Grass Nursery fundraiser and monthly Fun Lunch dates. Future ideas such as seed sales, a Fall 2026 spelling bee, and expanded lunch options were discussed. The group explored creating a fundraising coordinator role for next year and considered funding support for Grade 9 farewell activities and food programs. A motion passed to provide \$300 toward the Grade 5 Lemonade Fundraiser. Executive planning for upcoming role transitions was also discussed.

April – School Council

The School Council meeting featured a presentation from the Grade 1 team who highlighted their “Sentence a Day” literacy program, its focus on sentence structure, peer feedback, and rubric-based assessment. The principal reported on mud-mitigation efforts, Literacy Week planning, a large book-drive distribution, and a proposed school-wide lacrosse program requiring funding. Staffing updates, Earth Day activities, and a potential Field Day were also discussed. Open-floor items included installing a public bike-repair station, supporting the Welcome to Kindergarten event, and improving the volunteer-approval process. Amendments to the operating procedures were also presented and discussed, copies of such amendments were sent to interested members for review and comments following the meeting.

April – Fundraising Society

The Fundraising Society confirmed that Fun Lunch would resume in June. Two funding motions were passed: \$150 for Literacy Week prizes and \$500 for book purchases. The group also discussed action items for the balance of the year.

May – School Council

The School Council held a vote to amend the Operating Procedure, the motion was passed and the Operating Procedure was amended. The amendments change the length of term of the Executive members and add additional executive position descriptions. The placement of classrooms throughout the school was discussed and admin indicated some movement of where grades will be placed next year. Dates for next years school council and FUN Lunches were discussed and approved. The school council team also agreed to provide a continental type of breakfast for staff on the last day of the school year. The principal team shared the Prairie Sky School Vision Survey with the group, and the Grade 6 team shared what they have been working on in their classes.

May – Fundraising Society

Discussed a fundraising proposal regarding custom shirts for days of observance, team decided not to move forward with this idea at this time.

June – School Council & Fundraising Society

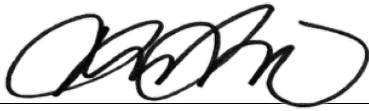
This report will be presented at the June meeting, also discussed will be the AGM coming up in September 2026. The Grade 9 team will present and there will be a discussion regarding lockdown drills.

Financial Statement:

Please see attached

**Note: funds from Casino expected by the end of June, and 2-3 other items will be paid out of the account by the end of the school year.*

Signed this 16th day of June, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittany Bennett', written over a horizontal line.

Brittany Bennett
Prairie Sky School Council, Chair

Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society						
Year End Report						
For the 2025/26 School Year						
September 1, 2025 Opening Balance					\$7,910.02	
					Deposits	
12-Sep-25		Milk And Cookies Club Fundraiser			\$34.10	
6/Nov/25		Coco Brooks, Blue Grass Fundraisers			\$823.05	
20/Nov/25		Healthy Hunger			\$15.43	
27/Nov/25		Healthy Hunger			\$307.82	
29/Dec/25		Healthy Hunger			\$213.50	
29/Jan/26		Healthy Hunger			\$285.25	
5/Feb/26		Healthy Hunger			\$228.69	
23/Feb/26		Sun-oka Fruit Farm - Apple Fundraiser			\$282.00	
23/Feb/26		Casino Tips			\$86.00	
26/Feb/26		Healthy Hunger			\$136.98	
26/Mar/26		Healthy Hunger			\$200.00	
30/Apr/26		Healthy Hunger			\$114.25	
		Credit Interest for twelve months			\$0.00	
Total Deposits					\$2,727.07	
Date	Cheque #	Description of Transaction		Expenses		
29-Sep-25	29	Leslie Whitehead - Sports Day Freezies		\$100.74		
22-Nov-25	30	Leslie Whitehead - Society Insurance/Teacher Appreciation		\$1,105.78		
12-Feb-26	31	Laura Daigle - Popcorn Bags/Care Cupboard Clothes		\$349.13		
18-Mar-26	32	Oro Investments Inc - McDonalds Coupons		\$797.15		
18-Mar-26	33	Prairie Sky School - Mahegun Tails Presentation		\$650.00		
30/Apr/26	34	Prairie Sky School - Library Binding Machine/Supplies, Hot Choc Fundraiser Supplies		\$371.01		
Total Withdrawals				\$3,373.81		
Account Balance June 11th, 2026					\$7,263.28	
Liabilities				\$0.00		
Assets				\$0.00		
*Note: Awaiting deposits from a few fundraisers (Purdy's, Blue Grass, etc).						
There are also a few cheques to be written: \$1000 to Prairie Sky School to contribute toward field trip defecits, up to \$650 to Prairie Sky School for Book Swap prizes, up to \$160 for end of year Freezies, up to \$460 for Coffee Cart Teacher Appreciation						
Submitted by Leslie Whitehead						