

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – Mar 18, 2024, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – Mar 18 2024

5:45 PM @ Prairie Sky School

* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order meeting – 5:45pm – Britney calls meeting to order

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair - Absent

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer - Absent

Don – Secretary

Jenna – Social Media

Daria – Parent

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Teachers – Grade 2 Team

2. 5:45pm - 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, Laura seconded
 - a. January and February minutes approved



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4. 5:46 pm – Teacher Share

- This month we hear from the Grade 2 teachers

- Grade 2 Learning Highlights

a) In line with the School Development Plan, Grade 2 teachers are actively incorporating all the key elements into their classrooms

b) Literacy – UFLI Foundations, activities centered around decoding, phonics awareness and irregular words, building skills in these techniques to improve student reading / writing skills

c) Finding consistent opportunities to practice literacy skills, tasks like A Sentence A Day and meaning exploration exercises where students examine a word's meaning by writing about it, building their vocabulary through expanding their understanding of a word's use and place in sentence structure

d) Exploring definitions, writing about what a word means to expand understanding and apply literacy skills

e) Poetry writing, using the theme of seasons changing as we move from winter to spring

f) Mathematics – Grade 2 introduces a big jump into larger double-digit numbers, approaching these new numbers by enhancing skills introduced in Grade 1 such as number lines

g) Science – Exciting physics learning through practical examples of motion, force, light and temperature

h) Computers / Robotics - Using teaching tools like Osobot to engage students in experiments, predicting outcomes and observing the results

i) Students had opportunity recently to participate in Teachers Pet program, an exciting day filled with hands-on science experiments and learning that allowed students to experience different applications and approaches to science learning

j) Social Studies – Lessons of physical geography, map reading, identifying provinces and territories and exploring unique features of regions

k) Community questions, an exercise of asking students what questions they have and things they want to know about various communities and showing them the tools and skills used in finding and recording that information

l) Examining cultures and traditions, an engaging activity of writing reviews as if students experienced it personally, combining multiple aspects of SDP into one task to further their learning

5. Principals Report 6:00 pm start

- a) Student Led conferences upcoming, the concept of Student Led allows students to take the lead and express their school experience and give parents a glimpse of what their school days are like
- b) Grade 8 & 9 classes about to partake in first PSS Class trip to Banfield, 20 excited kids about to experience a unique event that will elevate their school experience as they prepare to move into High School
- c) PSS Book Fair upcoming event week of April 22 – 25, will require about 4 parent volunteers per day, this will mark the first Book Fair at PSS and goal is to establish this as a recurring event

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6. General Discussion – 6:10pm Start

- a) Ideas of safe walk reward programs, ways to incentivize kids to participate by random spotting and awarding them with a small treat, things like gift vouchers for area stores. Goal of improving traffic safety by encouraging students to make safe decisions and adhere to traffic safety rules
- b) Volunteer coordination, preparing master list of parents able to volunteer time and open easier communications about events and their volunteer requirements
- c) Continued engagement with community partners including CBE, Calgary Police and City of Calgary to review and implement any possible traffic safety infrastructure improvements in the Prairie Sky School area
- d) Discussions about Fun Lunch program and provider Healthy Hunger, where that name can cause some confusions that all options are considered “Healthy” where reality is they are not, proposed to use the term “Fun Lunch” going forward
- e) Snack Shack planning for April activities dependent on volunteer availability and
- f) School Grand opening celebrations upcoming, PSS will be hosting CBE staff for a official opening ceremony
- h) Gear orders a success, planning to make a more accessible online store in future

7. Next Meeting – April 22, 2024 @5:45pm

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:40 pm – Britney adjourns meeting

