

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – Dec 11, 2023, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – Dec 11 2023

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

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Teachers – Grade 3 and 4

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)
 - a. Motion to approve minutes made by Britney, 2nd by Leslie



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4. 5:45 pm – Teacher Share

- This month we hear from the grade 3 and 4 teachers

- Grade 3 Learning Highlights

- a) A wholistic approach to Lifelong Learning framework with a commitment to goals set out by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee
- b) Students are taught the four parts of Medicine Wheel – Spirit, Heart, Body, Mind and how these 4 aspects make us whole and strive for balance between them
- c) During morning soft entry time, students are encouraged to consider these Medicine Wheel aspects and how they can apply the concepts during their day
- d) Spirit – A sense of pride in who you are and being comfortable representing oneself, asking yourself what unique talents you possess and how they make you feel proud. Recognizing acts of service in others that are kind and opening conversations with students about that, building comfortable classrooms where sharing is encouraged and fostered. Delving into deeper analysis of these feelings building stronger self spirits.
- e) Heart – A feeling of belonging to the Prairie Sky School community, being a part of this as a students, sharing through open conversations and questions about what makes students feel like they belong, using this early morning open dialog to build safe spaces for sharing and mentally prepare for the day
- f) Body – Acts of physical engagement, activating our muscles and organs, feeling the process from within and using this prepared state to begin the day ready for any challenges that present themselves
- g) Mind – To learn and gain knowledge, repeated practice, fine tuning skills to reach mastery and increase confidence along the way, extending into group activities and tasks based in areas of familiarity and focus on confidence building
- h) This Medicine Wheel approach is largely self-directed with students able to choose a specific area they would like to practice for that day, utilizing those early morning moments to boost mental states and prepare for the coming day

- Grade 4 Learning Highlights

- a) Introductions made, topic of focus will be Mathematics and how that is presented in class
- b) Going big! emphasis on larger numbers, working in the 10,000's, refining strategies on how to solve math problems using subtraction functions
- c) Building skills with concepts like borrowing and expanded notation, expanding the values of digits to make them easier to work with, then reducing them after solution found
- d) Teaching with the goal of getting students to their "Ah ha! / Eureka!" moment, that spark you see when a child truly understands a concept and that boost of confidence in their ability blooms
- e) Utilizing "Chunking" the act of taking larger numbers and breaking them down into smaller components to make working with them easier to solve
- f) Illustrating problems using a number line and string equations to show the steps
- g) Students that adopt these methods often have easier time solving math problems in their head
- h) Number Line – Starting with a smaller number, then breaking it apart and subtracting each section along the line, proven to be a great method for visual learners
- i) Base 10 Blocks – Drawing Base Blocks to represent a subtraction equation
- j) Other methods used include traditional algorithm and expanded form strategy, using addition to illustrate the inverse of a problem, doing the reverse steps and arriving at the same answer

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5. Principals Report 6:02pm start

- a) Mike begins presentation of Safety Team report
- b) Safety Team has engaged with Ever Active Schools to evaluate the current state of PSS student and traffic safety situation, so far the Ever Active Schools representative has been onsite and a safety walk assessment done, we are now waiting for their report to be completed and submitted, after which it will be further circulated to stake holders including PSS families and City of Calgary.
- c) Program aimed at enhancing awareness and traffic safety education for all involved, ideas like parking a block away, forming walking to school habits and increased awareness of pedestrian safety and defensive driving techniques
- d) Final word on fencing situation, unfortunately it can not be moved and needs to stay in place where it is, reasons include maintain the warranty on the grass sod placement, any actions taken that could void warranty puts CBE at risk to pay for any necessary repairs
- e) School Development Plan has been approved by director, is available to read on PSS website

6. Social Media – 6:11pm start

- IG continues to see engagement, establishing the council's presence among the other PSS social media IG accounts

7. Treasury – 6:12pm start

-Bank balance check - \$9054.31

8. Next Meeting – January 22, 2024 @5:45pm

9. Meeting adjourns – 6:13 pm – Britney adjourns meeting



Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

Dec 11 2023 @ 6:12 PM

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:12 PM
 - A) Britney Bennet opens meeting, makes motion to approve previous meeting minutes, seconded by Melody
2. Society Application Process
 - A) Application process ongoing, will revisit in January
3. Fundraising
 - A) November Healthy Hunger vendor McDonald's had many issues, inaccurate orders, items missing, adding extra efforts to organize and distribute
 - B) Lunch Lady will be December vendor, has good reputation and experience doing this, hoping this will be a smoother process
 - C) Ideas for improving process
 - D) Staged grade levels, not trying to do the whole school on same day.
 - E) Requesting assistance from the Lunchroom Monitor staff
 - F) Recruiting parent volunteers, Mona has access to list of background check completed volunteers, perhaps we can reach out to them and inform them about this opportunity
 - G) Utilize Socials to further get the word out
 - H) Tentative Healthy Hunger date for January 25 2024, vendor TBD
 - I) Last year Subway and McDonald's were good providers, possible the last event with McDonalds was isolated issue, may consider trying with them again
 - J) Snack Shack – plan now to convert to a mobile cart option, this can be moved from class to class and require much less shuffling of students place to place, keeping them in class while offering options for snack sales will make entire process easier for everyone
 - K) January snack shack date – Jan 12, February date Feb 9
 - L) February approaching, planning to do a Candy-Gram fundraiser for Valentines day
 - M) Keeping it separate from Snack Shack has seen an increase in sales
 - N) Fundsript – Britney has put in extensive efforts getting it set up, has done a test order so far, notes that payments via credit card do have extra charges, Direct Deposit payments will avoid these fees. Disturbing of cards, 2 methods of delivery being digital cards or physical cards, pros and cons, digital cards require the buyer to go through extra account creation and registration steps, physical cards may require involving teachers to hand out during class time.
 - O) Other sales ideas – apples, cookie dough, flowers, coupon books
4. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM by Britney

Next meeting – January 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm – Following Prairie Sky School Council Meeting