

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – Oct 16, 2023, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – Oct 16 2023

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

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Learning Leaders – Teacher Group

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



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4. 5:46 pm – Teacher Share

- This meeting we hear from a group of teachers at PSS called Learning Leaders
- Learning Leaders highlights include
 - a) Members of Learning Leaders take turns introducing themselves and giving descriptions of their skillsets and areas of focus
 - b) Learning Leaders are planning to bring in a Indigenous speaker to hold sessions with students including drumming and discussion with the goal of enriching student's experience at PSS, a request is made if PSSC can assist with any portion of the \$1000 needed to bring in this speaker.
 - c) Physical Education teacher Jasmine Kennedy leads discussion of how the Alberta Education Health Curriculum is being presented to students, this includes areas of Sexual Education and again strictly follows established curriculum from Alberta Education in partnership with Alberta Health Services.
 - d) Grade 4 is the initial entry point for this learning to begin as this age is a active stage in child development so it is vital they understand these body changes, however parents do have options to opt out their child if they wish
 - e) Learning Leaders also touch on Mathematics Education, currently doing data collection via math assessments to be reviewed and applied to future lessons.

5. Principals Report 5:55pm start

- a) Parent - Teacher conferences are scheduled to take place over Nov 23 - 24
 - b) Halloween is coming up, Mona puts it to open discussion if we should allow students to wear their costumes to school that day, after a brief exchange it is settled that it will be allowed
- c) School Development Plan – continued focus on Literacy, Mathematics and Wellbeing, educators are approaching the upcoming conferences though a lese of assessment as they prepare to meet with parents and share updates on their progress in the SDP areas
- d) Processing of new applications is ongoing, new submissions weekly, Mona is meeting with area directors this month, possible new process will be introduced that revises overflow and lottery programs
- e) Waiting list carryover, current understanding is the list stays in place as kids move to the next grade, they are still eligible for the next spot opening for their new grade level
- f) Teaching assignments under future consideration as student enrollment across all grade levels is not equal and this requires adaptability which all staff have shown exceptional ability in

6. Social Media – 6:09pm start

- Jenna has been active in updating PSSC IG account, new posts seeing uptick in engagement
- PSS grade levels all have their own dedicated IG pages, this collection allows for a great perspective on classroom activities and PSS culture

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7. Fundraising – 6:19pm start

- Healthy Hunger – PSS account setup has seen some delays, those are being resolved and plan is to hold first event on Nov 30 , McDonalds will be the food provide for this first HH
- Snack Shack – Discussion regarding the ideal day and time, Friday's being short days have a advantage that kids can take their snacks home, it can limit how many grades get in though with Kindergarten having alternating AM/ PM classes on Fridays
- Snack Shack requires between 3-4 volunteers to execute smoothly
- Oct 27 proposed as a first event day, menu options to be reviewed with goal of reducing less popular items improving efficiency of moving students through quickly and getting them back to class, high sugar drinks have ben completely removed
- Fundscript – Setup continuing, goal of having program ready to go for December holiday shopping rush and accomplishments.

8. Other Items

- PSS Clothing – First batch has been ordered, volume was less than expected but hope is the more it is shown and promoted around the school the likelihood will be a increasing future orders
- Idea proposed to present the clothing options at upcoming conference dates, allow parents to see it
- Also a idea to have table with members of PSSC available to meet and answer questions from parents, raising awareness of our council and what we do, also have volunteer forms there to help recruit more potential parents as volunteers in events and field trips
- Digital Message Board – something to work towards, can be a significant costs but does promote school involvement in community and advertising important dates and upcoming events.

9. Next Meeting – November 20 5:45pm

10. Meeting adjourns – 6:32 pm – Britney adjourns meeting

