

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – January 23, 2023, 5:45 pm, at Hugh A. Bennett School

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Minutes – Jan 23 2023

5:45 PM @ Hugh A. Bennett School

* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order meeting – Jan 23 2023 5:45pm – Britney opens meeting

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Laura – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Melody – Vice Chair

Parents:

Many new attendees, encouraging turnout

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Mike - Assistant Vice Principal

Ms. Sanghera

Kindergarten Team

Grade 5 Team

2. 5:45pm - Review of the Agenda - Britney has sent out via email prior to meeting for review, focus on results of recent fundraising activities, setting up council bank account.
3. 5:47pm - Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended)
 - a. November Meeting Minutes – copies distributed to attendees
 - b. Minutes approved



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4. 5:48pm – Teacher Share

- Fantastic presentations of classroom activities presented by teachers from Kindergarten and Grade 5
- Visual posters around classroom to repeat and encourage learning intentions
- Amazing support staff assisting with quiet times/ slow down moments, supporting students emotional needs
- Kindergarten learning highlights include
 - a) English Language Arts, letter recognition and writing, utilizing proven programs such as Lively Letters and Haggerty, visual journals to record and express learning progress.
 - b) Math, number recognition and writing, shape identification and pattern awareness.
 - c) Science, observing season changes and weather patterns, primary colors and color mixing.
 - d) Social Studies, emphasis on individual uniqueness, choosing stories to share with class that explore self-identity and responsibility ex. “I Promise” by LeBron James.
 - e) Fine Arts, music / dance / self-expression, hands on visual art using paints, glue and practising scissor skills.
 - f) Exploration Time, self-guided activities of toys and games in classroom, encouraging social development skills
 - g) Physical Education, body movement and coordination, healthy habits, learning to connect emotional states with brain functions.
- Grade 5 learning highlights include
 - a) Hands on application of Science utilizing technology to film short stop motion videos describing weather pattern observations, seasonal changes and appropriate clothing materials for such conditions
 - b) Video creation process from concept, storyboarding, production, animation and filming handled by classroom group collaborations.
 - c) Educating students on various measurement tools and techniques including construction of their own instruments to readings and record findings. d) Goldilocks Experiment, a process of taking temperature measurements of different stages and states of oatmeal relating to time / cooling correlation.

5. Principal Report – 6pm start

- School Development Plan has been finalized and in process to upload on school website for public viewing, key points include
 - a) Survey’s main source of data collection
 - b) Math, Literacy, Wellbeing
 - c) RTI supports are being provided to students identified as needing them



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- School Construction continuing, email to community members expected to go out in about a week, current estimate late March 2023
- Prairie Sky School website hosted by CBE is live and being actively expanded

6. Family Life Education – 6:20 pm start

- Britney presents interesting program to further school community engagement
- Possible \$500 grant we can try to qualify for
- Arrange through Calgary Police different school visit / presentations on relevant topics to school population

7. Fundraising – 6:22pm start

- Recap of fundraising goals to inform new attendees, things such as student field trip assistance and contributing to playground budget.
- Summary of previous fundraising effort, a overall huge success and learning opportunity, candy-gram's sold prior to Christmas Break
- Discussion of Health Hunger, how we can benefit from it and apply it in our current multi-site school situation, Britney has begun process of setting up our Healthy Hunger account with our School's information. Will aim to hold a Healthy Hunger event in March
- February fundraising activity around Valentines day, something similar to Christmas as product to offer for sale in class
- Suggestion made to donate portion of funds raised to local charity to encourage community connections and set example to students of caring for others.

8. Bank Account Creation – 6:30pm start

- Lesley presents summary of what she has found for best bank account options so far, looking for a product that has low monthly costs, even none if possible, reasonable transaction limits, easy branch access



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- Determining what legal financial classification our School Council will have ie: "Society"

– Motion made to open account at Connect First - Made by Leslie -Treasurer

a) Laura seconded

b) All in favour – motion passed

9. New Business – 6:35pm start

- Suggestion to spread out fundraising activities to avoid burnout of parents and volunteers

- Awareness of cultural occasions that may impact student participation

10. Next Meeting – 6:37 start

- reviewing with Mona meeting dates for the rest of the school year

a) February 27, 2023 (Monday)

b) March 20, 2023 (Monday)

c) April 24, 2023 (Monday)

d) May 23, 2023 (Tuesday)

e) June 12, 2023 (Monday) - Final meeting of year, council will present a summary of activities and accomplishments.

11. Britney adjourns meeting at 6:45pm

