

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – Jan 22, 2024, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – Jan 22 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

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Teachers – Kindergarten and Grade 1

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 Nina



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4. 5:46 pm – Teacher Share

- This month we hear from the Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers

- Grade 1 Learning Highlights

- a) Introductions made, large group of 6 Grade 1 teachers
- b) Strong focus on concept of Mindfulness, how it assists young children with emotional regulation, confidence, improved behavior and social skills.
- c) Mindfulness awareness techniques include gently focusing attention on current moment, utilize a think, analyze, act approach to figuring things out, training areas of young brains to identify overstimulation and take steps to cope with this, an important innate skill that must be learned and doing so at early age opens best path to student success
- d) These learning goals are further achieved through the MindUP curriculum based on foundation of neuroscience, positive psychology, mindful awareness and social / emotional learning.
- e) Listening Exercise – Teachers lead a demonstration of one of the strategies used in class, with eyes closed sounds are played and participants are encouraged to focus on aspects of these sounds, slow to fast, low volume to loud, animals, vehicles, weather and other various sounds, take time to interpret and visualize what they are, how they interact and let that state of focus carry them into their learning day
- f) Teachers will then prompt students to probe deeper into that state of introspection, asking question about how the sounds made them feel, what their interpretation of them was, answers are often diverse and sometimes surprising, which is wonderful and encouraged as it is the overall goal of the exercise to activate learning centers of the brain and build comfort in communicating and sharing emotions
- g) Further development of this concept is achieved through group activities, learning to engage in mindfulness with others enhances social development and strengthens bonds between peers
- h) Sharpening these skills and activating brain areas is crucial to higher learning, building foundations of emotional intelligence now allows for greater chances of success as students progress through their schooling

- Kindergarten Learning Highlights

- a) Video played showing daily activities and learning environment students are engaged in, a pleasant visual presentation allowing a glimpse of that Kindergarten life
- b) What's it like? Kindergarten is full of messy exploration, joyful experiences and introductions to early literacy and mathematics concepts
- c) Numbers 0-10, Alphabet and letter sounds, social skills and collaboration, taking their first steps into the world of education
- d) Many important foundational concepts are taught in Kindergarten and that foundation becomes the base further education is built on

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5. Principals Report 6:01 pm start

- a) Report Cards are being prepared and will be released via MyCBE Portal on Jan 30
- b) Notification email will be sent out when Report Cards are uploaded, will include instructions on how to access the site
- c) Elevate Lacross – A group promoting access to the sport of Lacross has offered 2 free days of workshops that PSS has agreed to and will plan to expand beyond the 2 free days, looking at 3.5 days total, this workshop will give students a chance to learn about the sport and participate in skill building and team exercise.
- d) Elevate Lacross
- 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 – February 12, 2024 @5:45pm

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



Minutes Template

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Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

Jan 22 2024 @ 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 Nina
2. Society Application Process
 - A) Application process ongoing, estimate of completion August 2024, application was submitted in October 2023
3. Expenses
 - A) Britney makes motion to donate \$500 for Fit Set Ninja event, seconded by Leslie, motion passed
 - B) Britney makes motion to donate \$250 for Lacross event, seconded by Laura, motion passed
 - C) Discussion of donation for upcoming Aboriginal Speaker event planned in May, will re-visit next meeting in February
 - D) Leslie makes motion to allocate \$287.63 towards Snack Shack costs, seconded by Britney, motion passed
4. Fundraising
 - A) A) Recent K-3 Healthy Hunger was a success, smooth process from food delivery to distribution to students, the shift to smaller groups on different days has improved overall experience, Leslie had things well organized and executed
 - B) 7-9 Healthy Hunger dates TBD in February. Healthy Hunger also has flower bouquet sales options for upcoming Mother's Day event, this can be a great way to spark interest in the program, everyone loves flowers, especially Moms!
 - C) Little Cesars vendor has been good choice, easier to mange with fewer simplified options leading to less sorting needed when time for lunches to be handed out to students
 - D) Improved communications for upcoming Healthy Hunger events has shown positive results, a increase in orders, the goal of establishing this event as a monthly routine occurrence will hopefully lead to sustained participation
 - E) Snack Shack – converting to mobile cart has reduced class disruptions considerably, will also set up schedule of doing certain grade groups on different days, K-2, 3-5, 6-9

Will plan to have Snack Shack table open for upcoming Parent / Teacher conferences in March, this is also a opportunity to inform parents about PSSC / Fundraising Society and boost participation

- F) Country Hills Cobbs Bread – Partnership set up for this store to donate a portion of sales to Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society, instructions on how to participate will be made public via Instagram posts

When purchasing state to employee you are looking to allocate towards PSS and they will complete transaction with that donation processed, amount will be totaled and donated at end of school year

- G) Fundschrift – Britney has completed test order and received gift card, process had a few issues but was able to work through them with provider to now have this fundraising option available to us, will look to advertise and promote at upcoming events to increase more participation
- H) Fundraising Survey – Idea proposed to list various options and gather feedback from parents on what they would be most interested in supporting, this can be collaborative effort with PSS Administration to finalize how survey will look and facilitate distribution through their mailing list

- 5) Meeting Adjourned – 6:49pm – Next meeting will be February 12, 2024 following School Council meeting