

Prairie Sky School Council

March 17, 2025

Meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams

Call to order at 5:45

Executive Attendance: Laura, Melodie, Nina, Brittany, Leslie, Jenna

Staff Attendance: Mona Bains, Mike Pierce, Uroog Quraishi, Anna Bruer, Jasmyn Kennedy, Aften Ballem, Natalie Chung, David Wan, Amandeep Sanghera, Georgia Ferguson, Ashley Blanchard, Karly Zinken, Calvin Khuu

1. Review of the Agenda: No concerns regarding the agenda for the meeting.

Approval of last meeting's minutes as presented: Motion to approve the February meeting Minutes - 1st Brittany 2nd Laura. Motion passed.

2. Teacher Share – Grade 4

The grade 4 team shared videos of their students talking about their ELA novel study for “Wishtree”, the latest math subject - Geometry (Polygons), their recent science unit – Earth Systems, and social studies – History of Alberta (including Buffalo Hunting Methods).

Learning Leader Share:

- Anna Breuer shared about her role as a Literacy Learning Leader within the school working with students from K-9. Anna works with staff and analyzes data from assessments to determine which students require extra support in literacy, and creates programs and interventions to help meet students where they're at in their literacy.

- Jasmyn Kennedy shared about her role as the Physical Education and Wellness Specialist for K-9, Learning Leader, and Athletic Director. She described her responsibilities: athletics for grade 6-9, facilitating the Brain Boost program, CBE Wellbeing Team (for grades 7-9) with Mrs. Ballem, Physical Education and Wellness curriculum and programming, creation of a school mantra, and Elementary SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) Designate.

- Aften Ballem shared about her role as a Well-Being Learning Leader: SEL designate for the middle grades and is part of the Wellness Committee for the CBE which designs lessons for well-being system-wide, works with Jasmyn Kennedy on the Wellbeing Team, and supports teacher professional development within the wellness umbrella.

- Natalie Chung shared about her role as the English as an Additional Language Learning Leader: support professional development at Prairie Sky on meeting the Alberta Education Assessment Requirements for EAL, work with EAL Strategist to provide support for teachers in using high impact strategies to program language instruction for EAL learners.

- David Wan shared about his role as the Mathematics Learning Leader: serve on the

Mathematics Committee at PSS where they design and lead PD initiatives for staff as well as plan related activities that enhance the school's mathematics curriculum; keep up to date with the latest developments, trends, and progressional growth opportunities in the field of Mathematics with CBE; provide support for teacher professional development initiatives focused on Mathematics, including aspects related to student and teacher development.

- Amandeep Sanghera shared about her role as the Inclusive Education Learning Leader: Planning and programming (IPPs, adapted programming, resource development); Communication with guardians, specialists, and community supports; supporting regulation (Zone and Sensory Room, regulation tools, individual student support); and Well-being intervention groups (Social Stars, Mindful Moment, Communication Club, Body Boost, Positive Participation)

- Georgia Ferguson shared about her role as the Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework Learning Leader (she also works on the inclusive Education team with Amandeep): Providing Educational opportunities within PSS to support our TRC Calls to Action, planning and welcoming Indigenous Education specialists into our school to support student learning, supporting students with co-regulation and programming to support their needs, connecting with specialists and supporting parents/guardians with student supports, and supporting students in daily well-being groups.

Georgia proposed an Indigenous Education Opportunity – Adrian Goulet of Mahegun will visit the school on May 22nd for the Tipi Teaching at CBE Schools program. He will construct a 9 foot tipi with the students in groups while speaking and sharing his teachings. There will be seven 45 minutes blocks. Cost: \$1155 for a full day of learning for all of the PSS students. Fees include taxes and all other costs. The fundraising society will include a motion to contribute to the cost of this activity.

3. Principal's Report

- Parent online survey results: the parent survey has closed and staff will look to responses to help inform decisions regarding planning for the future.

- School Development Plan: Mike and Uroog presented about the purpose of the school development plan and shared the school goals, outcomes, measures, and data for monitoring progress (this includes a Wellbeing goal and an Assessment goal)

- Budget: Mona discussed the school budget and the fee guide – she noted that the parent survey helps to determine what sort of activities are most desired and help to plan in alignment with the fee guide. Mona explained that one area that has been a challenge for students and families in the school has been the school items for grade 7-9 that families must purchase for themselves. The executive discussed the possibility of

School Council providing a collection of these items for the school or possibly a collection in each classroom to help support students as needed.

4. New item for consideration:

Ice Cream Truck Rental

Kwality Ice Cream Truck is willing to park their truck near to the school for no fee as a fun activity for students and families to purchase ice cream treats in the last week of school. Staff and the council liked this idea but require further information about where to park the truck (on the compound if it is outside of school hours possibly) as well as being sure that there are enough garbage receptacles provided so as to not create a mess on the school property. Council can also look into utilizing the gravel lot between the two school fields as another alternative.

5. Open floor

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.

Prairie Sky Fundraising Society

March 17, 2025

Call to Order at 6:51

1. Review of the Agenda.

- Amendment to 3d in the previous minutes to specify that \$479.47 was the exact amount paid out.

Approval of last meeting's minutes. 1st Brittany 2nd Laura

2. Motions required

Open floor for any motions needed:

- Ice cream vouchers: Motion to amend \$229.69 actual amount. 1st Leslie 2nd Brittany
- Jo Out Loud: Motion to pay the total \$1417.50. Leslie 1st Brittany 2nd
- Motion to buy pizza lunches for the mental health fundraiser for 2 classes: \$300.00
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3. Fundraising for Jan-Jun 2025

- Fun Lunches are all scheduled for the remainder of the year. A summary was provided for the profits from each lunch to date.
- Snack Shack: it was decided not to plan snack shack dates at this moment
- Make it Sow: fundraising is complete and the seeds will be delivered this week
- Blue Grass: waiting for communication from Bluegrass in order to plan the live-plant fundraiser
- Plan one "bigger" fundraiser for the remainder of the year? What would everyone like to see? – this was not discussed as the meeting had gone overtime.

4. Open floor

Any new ideas, questions, discussion topics from attendees.

No further discussions at this time as the meeting had gone overtime.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.