

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – January 13, 2025, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – January 13, 2025

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

Harmeet - Incoming Chair

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Grade 8 Team

2. 5:44pm - Review of the Agenda – Copies of agenda made available for attendees to review

3. 5:4pm - Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) – Britney motions, Nina seconded
 - a. December minutes passed



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4. Teacher Share – 5:45 pm start

- This month we hear from the Grade 8 team

Grade 8 Learning Highlights Include

- a) This year PSS welcomes two new teachers to the Grade 8 curriculum, making the team 3 teachers total. Designated as A,B,C with some subjects being solely taught allowing students to experience the full power of the grade 8 team as they sit in each classroom, we have Wan handling Math, Peters on Science and Miller holding down Social Studies
- b) At Grade 8, students also have elective class options available to further deliver the wide range of education needed and desired among youth including Art, Drama and Band. These creative centric classes give students a chance to expand and find their talents and potential
- c) Teachers keep the schedule packed and busy for students, bringing structure through the day and allowing time management skills to develop
- d) English Language Arts – ELA focus on elements of fiction, the power of words and vocabulary building, word choices regarding narrative description and eliciting reader responses
- e) Active novel and short stories studies, utilizing wide range of consumption methods like audio books where visualization of narration further unlocks the power of words and storytelling
- f) Creative Writing – Exploring various themes through the year, writing exercises and tasks allow students to practice with the narrative tools they are collecting, these can take many forms including early day brain kick starter activities tied to days of the week allowing consistency and mild preparation. Examples include Monday Bell Ringer (grammar/ sentence structure) Text Tuesday (question comprehension / response) and everyone's favorite Wednesday Wordle
- g) Sketch Noting – Continues to be utilized and students continue to impress with their information collection and representation skills
- h) Mathematics – Units completed include transformations, integers, rations, rates, percentiles and number operations
- i) Upcoming mathematics subjects will be probability and fractions, Pythagorean Theorem, 3D objects and square roots
- j) Grade 8 math has many layers; students continue to show competency in complex concepts and our team of skilled teachers will guide the way by actively allowing students to apply these concepts in practical areas like map making, designing structures, interior and exterior layouts
- k) Science – Active in engineering and machine design, mix and flow of matter, utilization of random materials, exploring their potential applications and working in teams to best present that to the class
- l) Cells and systems, organs, frog dissections, lava lamps unlocked, many fun things keep students engaged
- m) Social Studies – Japan explored, 1600 – 1800's, particular focus on its geographic isolation as an island nation, how that influence can be seen through its history. European Renaissance Period – 1400 – 1600 – exploring the rise in architecture, design and the enhancement of interior spaces. Spanish and Aztec – 1500 – divergence and differences among early European explorers

5. Principal Report – 6:01pm start

- a) Report Cards – Will be available via MyCBE login after January 27
- b) Handouts provided guiding parents on the current grade assessment model, the scoring methods that will be employed on upcoming report cards and the best ways to interpret and utilize this crucial information when providing the necessary learning supports children need at home

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- c) Mona proceeds to display and present a compressive report card example detailing they types of comments to expect and where to find them, walking attendees through a sample report card to allow advanced familiarization for when we will be reading our own child’s evaluations
- d) As MyCBE will be required to access these, Mike takes the floor to demonstrate the steps to login and navigate the site to find not just the upcoming report cards, but other important information like attendance records, class and bus schedules as well as fee payments past and present
- e) Provincial Assessments – K – 3 currently ongoing, Mike reviews recent steps of this process completed with Diagnostic Screening done in September and two more scheduled before end of the school year
- f) To further support teachers during these assessments, administrators have arranged to bring in additional classroom substitute teachers and schedules are being established to best use this resource
- g) Kindergarten registration for next year is now open, demand is high, over 60 applications received on the first day, last year saw over 300 applications submitted total
- h) Walk Zone Reduction – The pend reduction in the overall size of CBE designated walk zones will now see PSS running bus schedules, this will likely impact the current bell times, however no decisions made yet as the bussing program has not yet been implemented

6. General Discussion – 6:27 pm start

- a) February Kindness month theme – Discussions and ideas shared around potential ways council can contribute to these events, proposals for approaching local vendors (Cityscape McDonalds) to potentially sponsor reward coupons for giving to students witnessed performing acts of kindness throughout the school day. These incentives can garner a lot of attention and participation among students
- b) Care Cupboard – An anonymous pickup area with various hygiene items made available to students, Britney leading the action by collecting lists of potential items for purchase as well as formatting written requests for donations from local merchants
- c) Food Drive – Teachers are executing a food drive at school, can council boost awareness or offer volunteer support for collections / delivery?

7. Next Meeting – February 10, 2025

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:33 pm – Britney adjourns meeting

Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

January 10, 2025 @ 6:30 PM (Or following PSSC meeting)

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:33 PM

A) Britney opens meeting follow PSSSC Meeting

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes –

A) December 2024 Minutes approved – Britney motions,
Nina seconds

3. General Discussion

A) Britney motions to make \$200 available for purchase of 1000 ice cream vouchers from Cityscape McDonalds – An amazing effort from all involved here was as this is a tremendously generous gesture on their part, and will make upcoming Kindness Month much more rewarding and memorable for students – Nina seconds, motion passed

B) December fundraisers post-mortem – We are left with some excess, and motions are made to cover incurred costs, confidence is high we can find ways to sell inventory and plans made to distribute lists of what's available.

C) Leslie motions for funds to cover costs required, among Coco Brooks, Indego and Kernal's – Britney seconds, motion passed

D) Fun Lunch – Discussions around vendors and picking dates for the remainder of the school year

E) Spring Fundraiser – Plants / Seeds, garden-oriented ideas, things that grow

F) Snack Shack – Discussions around dates and volunteer availability, also location and how to best balance our activities with students who are engaged in their own similar program

4. Meeting Adjourned

A) Meeting Adjourned – 6:47pm – Next meeting will be February 10, 2025, following School Council meeting