

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – December 16, 2024, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – December 16, 2024

5:45 PM @ Prairie Sky School

* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order meeting – 5:43pm – Britney calls meeting to order

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Grade 3 Team

2. 5:41pm - Review of the Agenda – Copies of agenda made available for attendees to review

3. 5:41pm - Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) – Britney motions, Laura seconded
 - a. October minutes passed



Minutes Template

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4. Teacher Share – 5:42 pm start

- This month we hear from the Grade 3 team

Grade 3 Learning Highlights Include

- a) Novel Study – The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- b) Teachers have been successfully utilizing the popular novel recently made into a movie The Wild Robot as a basis for teaching novel study techniques, primarily sketchnoting where students can combine illustrations and text to summarize and display information
- c) This can allow students to create reference material unique and familiar to them while allowing artistic direction to emerge in a way traditionally limited with text only
- d) Vocabulary building, exploring in detail certain words and how they are used in the narrative, what their purpose is, and the feelings evoked in the reader
- e) Reading Buddies – Fostering and building mentorship relationships between grades 3 and 7 students, allowing younger students to learn from their peers and enhance connections within the Prairie Sky School community
- f) Movie Theater Field Trip – As the movie is currently playing, teachers and staff successfully organized and executed a field trip to take students to go see it! Exciting 😊
- g) This trip also included the Grade 7 buddies so two grades in total requiring three entire theaters reserved! With seats filled, popcorn and snacks along and a previously familiarized story made for an exciting and fun day for everyone involved
- h) Narrative Comparisons – Having now both read the book and seen the movie, students were then tasked with collecting and summarizing their impressions of both and doing compare / contrast exercises to further highlight the differences between the two formats, with teachers noting stark differences exist there and students did a great job of exploring and communicating them
- i) Other Writing – Class writing activities also extend into areas like instructional writing, breaking down and delivering concise instructions step by step, opinion writing techniques aimed at representing a product or idea to make it appealing to others, perhaps to the point of swaying opinion

5. Principal Report – 5:55pm start

- a) SDP has been approved by Area Director
- b) Continued Connection Mapping exercise to identify and foster enhanced student to adult relationships within the school with the goal of strengthening their feelings of connection and belonging within this space
- c) Formative Assessment – A practice for evaluating student learning, allowing the educator various ways to gather information regarding student learning needs and apply that in guiding how curriculum is delivered. These assessments are aimed at being noninvasive, allowing more open environments for teachers and students to collaborate while sharing in valuable educational tasks
- d) Feedback Loop – A key aspect of Formative Assessment concept is the idea of an always open and active engagement between teachers and students where integral information is shared in constructive ways, allowing students to understand where their abilities are currently and how they can apply this feedback to continue improving along their educational path
- e) Formative Assessment is crucial for building the skills necessary for students to succeed along the way to a desired outcome and will continue to be a fundamental part of the educational experience at PSS

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- f) Review of student fee structure, staff have prepared a comprehensive breakdown of how fees are assigned to services, how collected fees are allocated and how unpaid fees can impact areas of budgeted operating costs
- g) Report Cards – Expected to be completed and distributed around end of January 2025

6. General Discussion – 6:08 pm start

a) Topics relating to the upcoming Pink Shirt Day – February 26, 2025, how can council participate? The idea of recognition and rewards for students witnessed and referred for acts of kindness, generosity and community building, embodying the best qualities of Pink Shirt Day

b) These can come in the form of various coupons and benefits, things that students will enjoy, mention of the Cityscape MacDonalds and the potential to work with people there to provide a donation in that aspect

c) Books and Bookfair related rewards are also a excellent idea and can be explored further through the Learning Commons

7. Next Meeting – January 13, 2025

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:12 pm – Britney adjourns meeting



Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

December 16, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (Or following PSSC meeting)

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:12 PM
 - A) Britney opens meeting follow PSSC Meeting
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes –
 - A) November 2024 Minutes approved
3. General Discussion
 - A) Fundraising – 3 active fundraisers are nearing their order collection dates, intake has been observed and monitored by team and planning around pickup date announcements and order distribution are ongoing
 - B) Overall early indicators look to have all 3 fundraisers on track for successful completion - Coco Brooks, Purdy's Chocolates and Indigo (Cookie Dough) – It is likely that future efforts will be more focused on doing one at a time
 - C) Reiteration of the valuable lessons and experience gained, how to best allocate resources for future efforts and potential areas for improvement
 - D) Casino Update – Leslie has managed this process flawlessly and we have now heard a response – We have been added to the Ace Casino Airport's reservation list, at this time a date is uncertain but conservative estimating would likely put it in 2026
 - E) Snack Shack – Expected return in January 2025, reduced menu options likely, noted CTF Classes have also been partaking in similar operations within their curriculum, following business models and active practical experience – Stark difference in scheduling and location, where they are occupying the fixed counter location in common area, council will utilize a mobile cart for our needs of class-to-class visits
 - F) Other fund allocation ideas? – Talk about possible activities council funds can assist with, Physical Education teams can often find interesting and fun guest activities centered around different sports and PE activities, we can perhaps approach them for further discussion?
 - G) Care Closet – Great idea for funds to be directed towards keeping a stock of necessary personal hygiene and health related products for quick and discrete access for students finding themselves requiring them. This can take various forms but currently exists to an extent, however this can likely be enhanced to extend the overall reach of program

H) Fun Lunch – Grades K- 3 scheduled for January, Cedars Deli vendor provider

4. Meeting Adjourned

A) Meeting Adjourned – 6:30pm – Next meeting will be January 13, 2025, following School Council meeting