

Draft Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Poplar Ridge School Council and PTA

April 25, 2023 at 9:00 am in the multi-purpose room @ Poplar Ridge School

*indicates written report/ attachments provided

Joint meeting attendees: Colleen Robertson, Eloise Silvernagle, Colet Grimbeek, Tara Archuk, Kelly Fairall, Megan Vallet-Fredine, Jen Creasy, Natasha Dudman, Stephanie Sommerfeldt and Darren Pickering

1. Call to order at 9:02
2. Amendments were made to the agenda – there will be no trustee report as Sherry Cooper is not present and the date of the last minutes to approve was corrected. Mrs. Sargent will be joining early in the meeting to make a quick request as well before the principal's report which Darren will be doing as Mrs. Muncer will also not be present. There was also a small correction under 8 – new business. Approval was made on the amended agenda 1st was Kelly F and 2nd was Jenn C
3. Approval of the March 7, 2023 minutes 1st by Kelly F and 2nd by Colet G

Mrs. Sargent approached the council asking for funds to help with a Grade 6 curriculum-based field trip to iFly in Calgary. It ties in nicely with Flight – in the curriculum. There will be 25 students and 2 teachers attending. Mr. Pickering will be driving a borrowed bus. We will contribute \$50 per student and teacher who is participating in the flight – up to \$1500. Any parents who are attending and wish to partake in the flight in the air tunnel – will pay entry for themselves

4. Principal's report – Darren Pickering

We will be ordering shirts through Entripyshops for all kinders coming to our school in the fall - so far there are 18 students registered – we ordered 40 shirts to have extra for years to follow

There is a \$500 government grant that we can use to “teach Parents” but needs to be used by June 16 – we can look at possibilities of bringing someone in – but time is sensitive now to get organized

All grades have their Year end field trips booked and approved for bussing and help with funds from PTA

K/1 Safety City

2/3 Telus Spark center

4/5 Fort Normandeau

6 iFly Calgary

On May 18 we will be hosting Poplar Ridge's first Amazing race – PTA will supply a hotdog lunch for all students, staff and parent volunteers and will also provide prizes for top teams Thinking swim passes or bowling passes at 5\$ ea.

On the evening of May 31, there will be a band and teachers spending the night in our gym and performing to the students on the morning of June 1 – would the PTA be able to supply them with a breakfast – PTA agreed to – Eloise to provide to the school

Mr. Pickering is going to talk to maintenance about the dirt we need around the basketball court to taper to the ground level – there has been some put around the bee hive

- 5. No trustee report
- 6. PTA Committee updates
 - A. Hot lunch – Steph Sommerfeldt

We voted to renew the website we are using for hot lunches (and will be able to use for fundraising as well) \$250 by July 1 - all voted in favour

- B. Upcoming Fundraisers – Natasha Dudman

Mable labels is on the website already – so we will look at doing this for next year

Possibly a movie night in the gym – look at early next school year – sell popcorn or candy bags

Big Box Fundraising – boxes to be ordered, organized and arrange for p/u

Aspen greenhouse GC for p/u on May 10

- 7. Financial report – Kelly Fairall

Casino Date is set for December 28/29, 2023 and we will be good for 2024 (Karen Crawford to take over the Casino account). Bussing comes out of this account – we need enough in the account to pay casino manager – balance is good

PTA hot lunch is going great, bottle drive revenue, Healthy Hunger Revenue – all balances on the report

- 8. New Business
 - A. Parents Matter – new representative is needed – a candidate is Jen Hein
 - B. Healthy Hunger – new coordinator will be Samantha Rodwell (Jen will still be able to help) – looking to do 1 day a week and potentially PTA Homemade hot lunch 1 day /week
 - C. New treasurer needed - Kelly has completed her 4 years and must step down – a treasurer is needed in order for a PTA to run (Brandee Angelveldt is a candidate)
 - D. Staffing, budgets and grade configuration will be discussed at the next meeting to be held June 6 in the MPR
- 9. Meeting adjourned 10:27 am