

## Draft minutes of the Joint General PTA Meeting

Poplar Ridge School and Poplar Ridge PTA

January 18, 2022 @ 7:00 pm via Google Meet

\*indicates written report/ attachments provides

Joint general meeting attendees: Kelly Fairall, Colleen Robertson, Megan Vallet Fredine, Colet Grimbeek, Carolynne Muncer, Natasha Dudman, Adina Armstrong, Megan Andruik, Darren Pickering, Jenn Creasy, Eloise Silvernagle and Karen Crawford

1. Call to order at 7:01 with introductions
2. Approval of agenda – 1<sup>st</sup> was Jenn Creasy and 2<sup>nd</sup> was Adina Armstrong
3. Approval of the November 30, 2021 Minutes \* 1<sup>st</sup> was Jenn Creasy and 2<sup>nd</sup> was Colet Grimbeek
4. Principal's Report – Carolynne Muncer

Poplar Ridge has received a nutrition grant from the government for \$2300. The money will be used to supply a snack to children on Tuesdays and Thursdays first thing in the morning. The snack is optional and available for anyone who chooses to take the snack. Possible snack ideas are yogurt tubes, cheese, banana loaves - all ideas are individually packaged while trying to be aware of allergies. The money cannot be used to buy equipment or to pay someone to coordinate the program.

A letter came out from Kurt Sacher about at home Covid 19 test kits and masks for each child to take home. Poplar Ridge currently has a 9% absentee rate. If rates rise to a 10-15% absentee rate or higher, a letter will go home to parents to keep them informed.

Next week is literacy week and children can dress as their favorite book character on Tuesday, January 25. Students will be reading all week and doing fun things to promote literacy.

Kindergarten registration for the next school year 2022/23 is now open and we already have 9 children registered.

Skiing is a go for Thursday/ Friday (Jan 20 & 21) and the following Thursday (Jan 27) and thank you to PTA for paying for the bussing. Swimming is also starting for Gr. 1-3 and bussing is also paid by the PTA.

Carolynne was asked how the extended Christmas break imposed by the government of Alberta was going to affect total classroom hours for the remainder of the school year. Since this was a government decision due to the pandemic, required classroom time will not be affected.

5. Financial Report\* - Kelly Fairall

Discussed report and profits made with fundraising (Healthy Hunger, Parkland Nurseries, Purdy's, Calyx). The Inclusion Fund was used to help 3 students go skiing and 2 students to go swimming. All numbers were balanced.

6. Trustee Report – Sherry Cooper is away and unable to attend – No Report

7. PTA Committee Reports

- a. Fundraising updates: School Clothing – Adina confirmed all went well and arrived on time. Next year, we will coordinate orders on paper and collect via cheque or e-transfer. There is a possibility of offering ball shirts with a grey base instead of white. Eloise will take over the next school clothing orders.

Colleen has confirmed all cheques are in for the fundraisers. A First Aid Kit fundraiser may be offered this spring. Other fundraising possibilities to be explored are Glow in the Dark house numbers, True Earth laundry detergents, and True Local who are local farmers selling meat packages.

Bottle drop off is running January 17-21 from 8 am - 4 pm – no Saturday drop. There has also been a donation of \$130. Colet will arrange a note to go home in the children's agenda as a reminder.

8. New Business

- a. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant – Poplar Ridge PTA has been given a \$500 grant which is to be used to enhance parental involvement and engagement. Suggestions of ways to use these funds include offering parent sessions with keynote speakers such as Dr. Jenny (a local child psychiatrist) or someone from “To the Stars Wellness Center” in Lacombe. Dr. Jody Carrington was also suggested, but most felt her cost may be well beyond the \$500 grant amount.
- b. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm

9. Adjourned at 7:56 pm