

Minutes of the Joint General PTA Meeting

Poplar Ridge School Council and Poplar Ridge PTA

Tuesday May 31, 2022 @7:00 pm

Poplar Ridge School library

*indicates written report/ attachments provided

In person attendees: Megan Vallet Fredine, Kelly Fairall, Colleen Robertson, Eloise Silvernagle, Carolynne Muncer, Darren Pickering, Sherry Cooper, Jena Hein, and at 7:10 Adina Armstrong and Lisa Ramsay joined

1. Call to order and introductions were made at 7:05 pm
2. Approval of the agenda 1st approval was Kelly F and 2nd was Colleen R
3. Approval of the April 27, 2022 draft minutes 1st approval was Colleen R and 2nd was Kelly F
4. Principal's Report – as written by Carolynne Muncer and Darren Pickering

School Education Plan for 2022-23 -Year 2

Our School Education Plan for next year is complete. This is posted on our school website. Please have a look. If you have any questions or feedback, please let us know. Our school goals must align with CESD Goals. We have much work to do with the new curriculum, writing, math and Indigenous Education, but we feel we have realistic goals, strategies and measures. We have aligned all this work with our School Strategic Plan as well.

School Wide Learning and Celebrations

Fort McLeod High School Band

This Thursday, June 2, this band will perform for our school. They will arrive Wednesday late afternoon and spend the night in our gym. Thanks to our amazing School Council/PTA for helping with a continental breakfast for them (about 25). We have the muffins and juice from our Beehive celebration. We will pick up fruit and coffee and Eloise will pick up yogurt.

Fit Ninja

As a school, we have a very special celebration planned with a fitness twist for all students. We will be bringing Fit Ninja from Edmonton on June 16th to celebrate all their hard work and success this year!! All of our students will have an opportunity to set their 'inner Ninja' free, on an amazing obstacle course, which is designed with fun and fitness in mind! We will send out more info on this day so you can stop by and watch your child in action! In the meantime, check out an example of what they will be participating in, on the link which will be provided in the June newsletter.

National Indigenous Peoples Month

June is National Indigenous Peoples History Month and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada. Like other schools, we have planned a celebratory learning for all of our students during the week of June 20 -24th. This includes learning about language, culture, art and games. We will be taking part in Sylvan Lake's Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration on June 21 and we have elders and knowledge keepers visiting our school later in the week, to share their knowledge on plants, storytelling, drumming and games. This will be a fun and engaging week of learning that celebrates and honors the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

Multi-Purpose Room next year

The classroom with the kitchen in it will become a multi-purpose room next year. This will allow for use by teachers and students for CTF options, science lessons, art lessons, flexible space needs etc. It also gives the SC/PTA access to the kitchen for hot lunches!

Grade Six Farewell

As in years past, our grade six class will have a Farewell Celebration with Mrs. Sargent and admin on June 28th after recess. Mrs. Sargent will be sending info out to parents as they are invited to attend. Parents often plan other parties and celebrations outside of school.

Kindergarten Graduation

The kinders will celebrate their big accomplishments as they take part in their Kindergarten Graduation Celebration on June 24th. Mrs. Lidgren will be communicating the plan for this with Kinder parents. We are all so proud of their growth this year and look forward to this special day!

Next Year at a Glance

Staffing Changes

We have completed our staffing process for next year. This year we will be saying farewell to a few people and welcoming a few new folks to our school. Mrs. Ethier, our Librarian, is retiring at the end of this month. We want to thank her for her many years of service and commitment to our students and our school and wish her much happiness during her retirement! After seven years at PRS, Mrs. Klumpenhower will be making the move to a teaching position at Ecole Fox Run School next year. She has touched the lives of many students and families at PRS and I know that staff, students and parents join me in thanking her for her contributions and wishing her well in her new role! We also say "so long" to Mrs. Haspect who has team- taught with Mr. Pickering in grade 5 and Mrs. Radford, who has supported many students in our building as an Educational Assistant. We will miss these two amazing ladies and thank them for their hard work and dedication to our students and school.

We are excited to announce the appointment of two teachers to PRS. Welcome to Ms. Jasmine Gerski, and Mr. Mark Linski, who will be joining the Poplar Ridge School family in August. Both of these teachers come to us with years of experience and expertise and we look forward to working with them! We also congratulate Mrs. Deb Czainiski, who is taking on the role of part- time Learning Common Librarian Technician next year! We are looking forward to working with her in this new role.

At this time we have 155 students registered to learn at Poplar Ridge next year

5. Financial Report * - Kelly Fairall

Motion to increase budget amount for Playground Equipment from \$25,000 to \$30,000 – motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Deposit check to Blue Imp from our PTA for Beehive purchase, has been written and deposit was completed

The cheque from Red Deer County for the Beehive purchase has been deposited.

The PTA will provide gift cards to Mrs. Ethier as a retirement gift, as well as other staff members leaving Poplar Ridge School and the end of this year. Please refer to the Treasurer's Report for further information.

Spring fundraisers – some money has been deposited – but also waiting on others

6. Trustee Report – Sherry Cooper

They have completed financial budgets for the next fiscal year. Money has been taken out of the reserve fund to support social and emotional wellness.

The new curriculum will be rolled out this next year and they are expecting resources may be needed to help with this. There have been some learning gaps noticed in grade 7/8 they will need to be addressed – may need government funding to aid in this or also money out of the reserve.

An evaluation has been done for Kurt Sacher, our Superintendent of the schools, and a vote was completed to keep him in this role.

Sherry is the Chair of the Rural Caucus School Board. Sherry will be able to meet with Adriana Lagrange (minister of Education) to discuss how they can work collectively in the 41 school divisions.

7. PTA Committee Reports

a) Spring Fundraising updates

A total of \$741.94 was raised with Sweetness Cookies and CDN Safety Supplies from 16 families ordering and we are still waiting on TRU Earth results

We are looking into Davidson Orchards Apples for this fall – but pre-orders should be done in June

Also looking at orders from Papa John's Pizza – online orders for p/u or deliveries – we get 10%

We are discussing whether we should do the ADmazing coupon books again – some families are counting on it – and we do make good profit, per book sale. This is done early in September

8. New Business

a) Chairperson Required for 2022/2023

Colleen Robertson stepped forward and volunteered for the position of PTA Chair. Council voted and unanimously she was voted into this position.

b) Playground update

The Beehive Playground equipment has been ordered and deposit has been completed and received. We are waiting on Blue Imp to let us know when it will arrive and when installation may start. A meeting will be arranged with Blue Imp to finalize playground placement, materials needed and if volunteers will be required.

c) Upcoming Meeting

We do not need to organize another meeting this school year as the Chair position has been successfully filled. The next meeting will be set for September 2022.

9. Adjourn - meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm