

Minutes of joint meeting of Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising

Poplar Ridge Elementary in MPR January 18, 2024 @ 9:00 am

*indicates written report/ attachments provided

Joint meeting attendees: Eloise Silvernagle, Jen Creasey, Jem Hein, Brandee Angelvedt, Alyne Hoar, Stephanie Sommerfeldt, Colleen Robertson, Tina-Louise Steyn, Kimberley Cocks and Darren Pickering

1. Call to order at 9:01
2. Agenda was amended to remove 8. C) as Colet is not in attendance. Acknowledge there is no #7. Amended agenda was approved 1st is Brandee and 2nd is Jen Creasey
3. Approval of November 30, 2023 minutes 1st is Steph and 2nd is Jen Creasey
4. Principal's report – as written by Kim Cocks

December School Events:

Community

Our Turkey Bun Lunch was wonderful for all of the students and staff. Thank you!
We hosted a great "Party in Plaid" Christmas Concert. Thank you for attending. We had fantastic MC ing introducing classes and telling jokes.
We took in 1745 lbs of food and \$200 of gift cards for the Red Deer Food Bank from the 12 Days of Giving Food Drive. Thank you to our grade % class for initiating this community project.
We also took in a big bin of toys to the Red Deer Christmas Bureau.
Our grade 1-3 students had a fun day of Reindeer Games while the grades 4-6 students went skiing.

Academic Excellence

We are continuing to dig into the new curriculum. Report cards will be going home on Feb.2.

Social Emotional Wellbeing/ Physical Wellness/Community

We continue to support communication, attention, memory and self- regulation skills.

Snow Hill

Your child's teacher will be communicating with you regarding the snow hill schedule. Please note that your child can only go on if they have snow pants.

The Store

Our school store is open on Monday/Wednesday/Friday for grades 4-6 and on Tuesday/Thursday for Grades 1-3. Kindergarten goes on the Fridays that they attend school. Each item is \$1.00. Items include: chips and ice cream. Thank you to the grade 6 students who manage the store.

Facebook

Thank you for following us on Facebook!!

Upcoming Events:

Community Building-Family Literacy Night will be on Jan. 30 from 6-7:30. More info to come!

Foundational Knowledge Building- In classrooms and in fine arts, we are talking about the Poplar Ridge core values. We will be hosting our 1st Core Values Assembly at the end of January.

Academic Excellence- We are continuing to meet to discuss best program plans for students.

Professional Learning Day for staff on Jan. 31.

Fieldtrips- Skiing continues and grades 1-3 swim

- In addition – there will be a Core values assembly at the end of February and Grade 6 is looking at a date to go to the Legislative Building. Also staffing will not change before the end of the year – Mrs. Warder will not be returning this school year
- We were led in a small activity as well by Mrs. Cocks – focusing on "What is great about Poplar Ridge School"
- The Question was also asked – have we looked into a Meat Fundraiser before...?

5. Financial Report – Brandee *

We did not raise quite what we had budgeted on our Holiday Fundraisers. We exceeded last year with the Apple fundraiser. We have a request for funding for grade 6 to go to IFly – we already had this in our budget /child cost – so this is approved

6. A. Hot lunch – Stephanie

The schedule has been built for Feb/March and is open to orders and volunteers are set in place - and then April/May will be the last schedule to order – no Hot lunch in June. Christmas meal was great and with the left-over turkey - possibly make a turkey noodle soup for children. Maybe look at options of Ham next year?... We used Hotlunch.net for the poinsettia fundraiser – maybe look at using this for the healthy hunger in the future to cut down on some of the admin costs

B. Next Bottle drive – maybe last week of March – try to coordinate with PTI

8. A. Parents Matter - copy of meeting agenda March 17 * Tina -Louise/Jen

Spoke about how budgeting /funding and how decisions are made. Newsletter and how it is read

Sharing/stealing ideas from other Parents :

*no cell phone use at school dance – promote interaction and no photos or videos

* Candygrams – opportunity to use as a fundraiser

*Coffee time – opportunity to meet other parents/ faculty (maybe in a learning commons area)

*School dance – no charge – but go by “donations”

If we are looking for Recourses – we can go to “Alberta School Council Group” – may help with fundraising – also Mental Health resources available There is the YES program Poplar ridge elementary is not part of this program this year – teachers are available to help the children – Teachers Are the Key Component

Cell Phone : usage – Ban/leave in lockers – no pics or videos – adult is responsible for the consent of their child – talk of social and emotional wellness – social media - kids can be charged at age 12 for posting improper content on social media

Inside recess is determined at -21 C

The next meeting is April 24 – if anyone has anything to share or has questions...

B. No news on an ice rink for this year

D. Grant of \$500 ideas to use – School recourse officer / Parent link

E. Support of chair – Vice chair needed for 2024/2025 – Colet’s last year

F. Alberta School Councils’ Association 2024 Conference and Annual Meeting April 26-28 – names of people wanting to attend must be submitted by Feb 2 and will be determined (held at Delta Marriot)

Next Meeting to be held March 7, 2024 at PR Elementary 9:00 am

9. Meeting adjourned 10:38