

## Draft

### Minutes of the Joint General Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising November 22, 2024 @ Poplar Ridge Elementary in MPR 9:00 am

\*indicates written/attachments provided

Joint General Meeting attendees: Alyne Hoar, Joanna Van Duzen, Colleen Robertson, Jen Hein, Alissa Lidgren, Kimberley Cocks, Michelle Salomons, Stephanie Sommerfeldt, Susan Lavoie, Sherry Cooper, Robynn Ficiur

1. Call to order 9:04 am
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Amendments to agenda
    - i. item 6) Brandee not present, Alyne will present financial report on her behalf
    - ii. item 7c) Eloise not here, Colleen will report on Healthy Hunger on her behalf
2. Approval of Agenda\*: 1st Joanna, 2nd Alyne
3. Approval of November 1st Minutes\* 1st Alyne, 2nd Jen
4. Principal's Report: Kimberley Cocks

#### Administrators' Report to School Council

December, 2024

#### Thank you:

- All who are present
- Alyne for planning Paul Davis- what a great presentation for students and families

#### November Events:

- Community Building  
Remembrance Day Service with the Innisfail and Sylvan Lake Legion including the Color Party and bagpiper with student involvement in reading poems and MCing our event.  
The Lions club came for vision screens for kindergarten.  
The grade 6 volleyball students attended a round robin tournament at HJ Cody.  
Paul Davis discuss internet safety - presentation for students and parents  
Scholastic Book Fair
- Academic Excellence  
Parent Teacher Interviews.  
Gr. 5/6 students attended No Stones Left Alone at the Sylvan Lake Cemetery
- School Culture  
Great leadership by the grade 6 students  
Changes to the Core Values Assembly

## Farm Safety Presentations for k-6 students

### December Events:

- Christmas Bureau toy bin is here and ready for donations!
- 12 Days of Christmas will be starting on Dec. 2- stay tuned for more information
- Skiing starts Dec. 12
- Christmas Lunch by School Council
- Christmas Concert on Dec. 19 at 10 am and 1:30 pm
- Reindeer Games on Dec. 20 for gr. 1-3
- Christmas Break

### 5. Trustee's Report: Sherry Cooper

- a. the board is in the process of hiring a new superintendent
- b. 2025 is an election year for school board, nomination forms will go out in January
- c. financial statements for school board are due in the next month
  - i. they are noticing that funds may need to be distributed differently with regards to rural schools
- d. issues with this year's student assessments have be presented to the MLAs, as well as the minister of education as teachers were not given enough notice and assessments were due in September which is a time better served by teachers in the classroom, not in one on one assessments

### 6. Financial Report\*: Alyne on behalf of Brandee

- a. Bottle Drive brought in \$390
- b. Healthy Hunger profit is down, however, Hot Lunch continues to do very well. This was expected
- c. Stage stairs are in and have been paid for \$1724
- d. Paul Davis presentation: school council paid for remainder that was due after using the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (ASCE): \$500 from 2023/2024 school year and \$500 from 2024/2025 school year
- e. Budget is balanced
- f. Audit was approved
- g. Annual Return has been filed

### 7. PTA Committee Report

- a. Hot Lunch
  - i. Christmas Lunch on December 17th
  - ii. get in touch with Steph if interested in volunteering or donating food items, all cooking will be done in school. 9am start and 11:45 meal time, Christmas attire is welcome

- iii. New hot lunch menu for February to May 2025 will be completed in the new year
- iv. December 12th hot lunch will be cancelled due to Grade 4, 5, 6 skiing that day, any orders placed will be refunded as a credit for the new year
- b. Bottle Drive
  - i. Next bottle drive will be January 9 and 10th
- c. Healthy Hunger
  - i. everything is balanced, pretty consistent order numbers throughout
- d. Friday Toast
  - i. going well
- e. Purdy's Fundraiser
  - i. deadline for ordering is November 23rd
  - ii. orders can be picked up December 12th
- f. Casino Dates
  - i. volunteers needed for December 28th and 29th
  - ii. link to sign up genius on Poplar Ridge facebook page

## 8. New Business

- a. Parents Matter: Tina Louise and Jen
  - i. Next meeting January 29th
- b. Paul Davis feedback
  - i. most parent/staff feedback has been positive
  - ii. his suggestion is to be booked every couple of years
  - iii. ideas for better parent attendance in future?
  - iv. perhaps a more focused topic rather than quickly going through so much material
  - v. admin and school council welcome any further feedback from parents, please get in touch
- c. Future Meeting Dates
  - i. please note January 17th has been moved to **January 24th**
  - ii. February 28, March 28, May 23

## 9. Meeting Adjourned 10:08am