

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

March 7, 2023 at 9:00 am in multi-purpose room @ Poplar Ridge school

*Indicates written report / attachments provided

Joint meeting attendees: Eloise Silvernagle, Kelly Fairall, Colet Grimbeek, Tara Archuk, Colleen Robertson, Jen Hein, Tina-Louise Stern, Darren Pickering, Carolynne Muncer, Natasha Dudman and Alyne Hoar

1. Call to order at 9:00 am and introductions were made
2. Agenda was amended : Neither Sherry Cooper nor Stephanie Sommerfeldt will be present
Approval of amended agenda was 1st by Colet G and 2nd by Kelly F
3. Approval of January 17, 2023 minutes 1st by Colet G and 2nd by Kelly F
4. Principal's Report: Carolynne Muncer

We are thinking of organizing a school wide "Amazing Race" to promote Team work and Active living in May. They would be teams of 10-15 of mixed grades working together. There would be 2 races in the day and the top teams would battle for first prize. Followed by a school Bar B Q and celebration – maybe we can ask for help from the County for the Bar B Q... also, parent volunteers are needed for check points, set up and tear down, and possible the bar b q (looking at prizes as well). Carolynne will do some costing and bring funding request to the next PTA meeting .

Also thinking of holding a "Poplar Ridge Has Talent" show...

Thank you to Student Council for bussing for the skiing and swimming programs and parents who volunteered to help out. Also, thanks to the parents who are running the toast breakfast program on Tuesdays and Thursday's

Core Value assemblies have great positive feedback and students are setting goals for themselves. The lanyards are in. Two assemblies have been held already

Parent Teacher Interviews are set for March 21-23 in person at the school and the bookfair will be after the interviews

The month of April will be Read – a- thon month – and we will be able to raise money for books needed in classrooms

We have first- and fourth-year RDP practicum teachers at PRS. We have welcomed 6 RDP first year teachers into our classrooms to do their 8-week observation practicum and 2 practicum teachers doing their final practicum with us

Grade 4,5 and 6 Options Round 2 have begun

We are looking at other opportunities to bring each other together as a community: Movie Night in the gym (may sell popcorn as a fundraiser), Dance, Corn Maze – evening of Opportunity!

We are also looking at other options on how we order our school clothing: Entripy.com

We could order all year round, many options of color, style and brand and types of clothing. You would pay on line, shipped to your own home. We could look at getting new kindergarteners ea. a shirt as they join our school – possibly every grade 6 er a “graduating” shirt... Items may be cheaper than we are currently purchasing them for.

5. There will not be a Trustee report as Sherry Cooper is absent from the meeting
6. *Financial Report given before the PTA Updates for time sensitive reasons: Kelly Fairall

Hot lunch revenue is up - still some expenses to come. There are 2 more bussing invoices to come out. Everything has balanced

7. PTA Committee updates
 - A) Stephanie is not in attendance – no hot lunch updates
 - B) Bottle drop off will be held at the school with Cosmos trailer March 20-23
 - C) Upcoming Fundraisers: Natasha Dudman

Big Box – handcrafted cards. Sept/Oct – Kraay Family Farms. Aspen Greenhouses. VIP Food Services

8. New Business
 - A) Grade 6 may have the opportunity to go to the Edmonton Legislative – in line with the social studies curriculum. Grade 6 – I Fly Calgary – Darren could drive a borrowed bus (PAT's fall on the last 2 days of school – work around this with bar b q and field trips)

Grade 4/5 – Fort Normandeau ?

Grade 2/3 – Tellus Spark Center

Kind/1 – Safety city RD

PTA to provide bussing for Field Trips
 - B) Next Meeting April 25 at 9:00 am multi-purpose room

9. Meeting adjourned 10:14 am