

## Draft minutes of the Joint Meeting of Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising

October 26, 2023 @ 9:00 am in Staff Room at Poplar Ridge Elementary

\*indicates written report/ attachments provided

Joint meeting attendees: Darren Pickering, Kim Cocks, Tricia Hansen, Karen Crawford, Susan Lavoie, Colleen Robertson, Jen Creasey, Joanna Van Duzen, Stephanie Sommerfeldt, Jen Hein, Tina-Louise Steyn, Alyne Hoar, Brandee Angeltvedt, Colet Grimbeek and Eloise Silvernagle

1. Call to order at 9:01
2. Agenda was amended: Under Committee report – change the two B)'s to B) and C), D) and E) and also Addition under New Business D) Picking up children and E) Communication of Tardy busses. New Business will be # 7. Amended agenda was approved 1<sup>st</sup> is Jen C and 2<sup>nd</sup> is Karen
3. Approval of the September 28, 2023 minutes 1<sup>st</sup> is Stephanie and 2<sup>nd</sup> is Brandee
4. Principal's report – Kimberley Cocks

### **October School Events:**

- **Building Community:**  
We are hosting the Halloween parade and dance for the whole school. Families are invited.  
Lunch time schedules have changed. Movies on Mon/Fri with socializing on T/W/Th with increased supervision
- **Career Connections**  
Constable McGill was in grade % to discuss his role as a Police Officer and how it ties with the Science Unit on Investigating and Inferring
- **Academic Excellence:**  
Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test results were amazing!!!! (LA, Science, Math and Social - our school was up Division wide and Province wide 3-10%)  
We were able to host the Sylvan Lake teachers for our Professional Learning Day. We discussed our assessment results and the new curriculum.  
Grades K-3 is starting with a new literacy program called UFLI  
Parent Teacher Interviews: Parent Teacher Interviews are on Oct. 25 and 26. 96% of our school families have signed up!
- **Fire Drill and Lockdown:** We had our 2nd fire drill practice and a lockdown practice
- **Social Emotional Wellbeing/ Physical Wellness/Community**  
Running Club: We had a great running club. It finishes this week.  
Volleyball is at lunch recess. On Nov. 17 our 5's and 6's will go to HJ for a tournament (Beacon Hill, Steffie and CP Blakely)
- **Indigenous Education:**  
Red Deer Pow Wow for the 5's and 6's - Students experienced drumming, amazing regalia and traditional dancing  
Sylvan Lake Buccaneers grew our knowledge about the skills and history of Lacrosse
- School Store started on Tuesday/Thursday for Div. 1 (gr 1-3) and Mon/Wed/Friday for Div. 2 (gr 4-6) - all items are \$1.00. Kinders go on their Fridays. The grade 6 students manage the store.'
- The Facebook Page is being well received and has more followers and posts pictures and great info

### **Upcoming Events:**

- School Photo Retakes are Nov. 3
- Poplar Ridge will be hosting a Remembrance Day Service on Monday November 6. The Innisfail Legion and the Sylvan Lake Legion will be attending the Color Party. This will start at 1:45. The students will be singing the song "A Child of Peace"
- Fall Break November 9 and 10
- Scholastic Book Fair, Nov. 21-23
- K-6 teachers will be attending Professional Learning Communities with all of the Chinook's Edge teachers to continue the discussion on new curriculum and best practices
- Professional Learning Day on Nov. 24. No school for students. Poplar Ridge teachers will be going to Steffie Woima to carry on with collaboration.
- December 6 the entire school will be attending Cornerstone Theatre in Red Deer - request funding from Parent Council for bussing

#### 5. Treasurer's Report - Brandee

Apple sales of over \$3700 and profit will be \$1248. It was brought up by Karen Crawford to do another quick-fire sale on apples for any who missed or those who want more... To qualify for prepaid shipping – there must be an order of over 100 boxes – and the weather could be cold – need thermal controlled trucking and organize storage when product was delivered... decide this would not be feasible at this time. Reports balance

#### 6. Committee Report

- A) Hot lunch – no food can be prepared at homes and brought in – food must be cooked in a commercial kitchen or at the school. This may change our meal options and volunteer status. Turkey meal at Christmas... how can this work? Discussions on having turkey catered and brought in and provide buns and cold cuts for more of a lunch sandwich meal – carved turkey on buns, cheese, pickles, fruit, juice box and brownie...? It was discussed not to provide a school wide Christmas meal and only have the Cornerstone theatre for kids this year – but it has become tradition for Parent Council to provide this. More research as to the cost of catered turkey needs to be done , would love to keep the tradition going .Menu TBD. Motion from Karen to have Parent Council pay for bussing for the theatre for entire school to be bussed to Home Church for Cornerstone production – voted and all in favour. (approx. \$1600)
- B) Bottle drop off - from the Oct 11-13: no amount yet and next bottle drop off date TBD It was brought forward to use Trinash from Delburne instead of Cosmos – happy with Cosmos service at this time
- C) Healthy Hunger needs a volunteer to take over moving forward – Tricia Hansen has volunteered and will take this position – complete binder will be handed over
- D) Sun OKA Apples - \$1248 profit under the sales of \$3700 – question brought forth if any product has been sprayed – Colleen to investigate
- E) Purdy's and Poinsettias: Parkland Nursery (voucher) vs Evergreen (product delivered to the school)? Pick up at the school is preferred, earlier in Dec is better than later

#### 7. New Business:

- A) Parents Matter \* Tina-Louise and Jen H.
  - \*It was brought up division wide – concerns on children watching movies at lunch break and missing opportunities to socialize with friends – this can be brought to each individual school principal.
  - \* Another division wide concern was what our division's approach was on SOGI – this is not in curriculum to be "taught" but rather to be addressed if a question is raised.
  - \* There is a survey that the District would like all to take. Colleen will forward that to all present ( if you would prefer not to receive it let Colleen know after the meeting)

\*The next meeting is January 17, 2024 and April 24, 2024. Please bring up any concerns or items to discuss to your principal or to our school representatives – the meeting is held virtually online.

\*Full minutes of the Parents Matter meeting printed and available

- B) Ice Rink – Alyne Hoar Can volunteers put up an ice rink for Red Deer County residents to use – she will find out through the county and Chinooks edge – where the property line ends and who is responsible for the property – insurance and responsibilities. She will contact Shawn Russel with Chinooks edge and then speak with the county – there are volunteers to put up rink boards and be responsible for flooding, clearing and maintenance through winter months. Give all info at the next meeting
- C) Picking up children – discussion of congestion on the road and safety concerns – can vehicles file through the parking lot further to ease congestion? Or pull into an empty parking stall till the line moves and you can pull safely into the line to p/u? Concerns of parking and then backing up to join the line were raised. ATM we will try to have the line move forward to pick up kids closer to the garbage bin area to have fewer cars on the road
- D) Communication of bussing – when there is a tardy bus due to mechanical or otherwise – there needs to be better communication with parents of the children involved – there was a concern of a bus that was an hour late and parents were not informed on a timely matter as to where their children were – please take up with county transportation
- E) Next meeting will be November 30 at 9:00 with the room location TBD

8. Adjourned meeting at 10:22