

Minutes of Joint Meeting of Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising in Poplar Ridge Elementary
Staff Room November 30, 2023 @9:00 am

*Indicates written report / attachments provided

Joint Meeting attendees: Eloise Silvernagle, Jen Creasy, Jen Hein, Alyne Hoar, Tricia Hansen, Sherry Cooper, Mandy Aitken, Brandee Angeltvedt, Kimberley Cocks, Darren Pickering, Colleen Robertson, Stephanie Sommerfeldt, Colet Grimbeek and Lisa Ramsay

1. Call to order at 9:01
2. Agenda was amended as there was an addition under New Business about a Christmas concert inquiry. Amended agenda was approved 1st was Colet and 2nd was Jen C.
3. Approval of the October 26, 2023 minutes 1st was Jen H and 2nd was Brandee
4. Principal's report – Kimberley Cocks

Thank you:

- All who are present
- All who volunteered their time to make cotton candy! (156 bags)
- All who organized the poinsettias and the Purdy's fundraisers

November School Events:

- Community:

Our Halloween parade and dance was a huge success!
We hosted a beautiful Remembrance Day Service. The Innisfail and Sylvan Lake Legion attended including the Color Party and bagpiper. Our School Trustee Sherry Cooper also attended. We welcomed 100 family members. We had wonderful student involvement in reading poems and MCing our event. Students sang a beautiful song that left many in tears.
We are accepting donations for the Christmas Bureau.
We are starting a 12 Days of Giving Food Drive

- Academic Excellence:

For our Professional Learning Day on Nov. 24 pm, all of our teachers are meeting at Steffie Woima to discuss best practices around the new curriculum.

Staff is implementing small group intervention time to meet specific learning goals

We hosted our Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to Jen Creasey for helping with the set up.

- Social Emotional Wellbeing/ Physical Wellness/Community

The grade 5 and 6 volleyball students attended a round robin tournament at HJ Cody. They had so much fun. What a great experience!

On Nov. 24 am, we received professional development around Social Emotional Wellness for students.

- Foundational Knowledge Building

In classrooms and in fine arts, we talked about Indigenous Veteran's Day as well as Metis Week. We learned about the different eras in history.

- Bus Safety

One of our kindergarten students was selected as the winner of the Bus Safety Contest. She received \$25 and her drawing has been moved to a provincial vote.

- Cotton Candy

All proceeds will go to the Cornerstone Theater tickets. Thank you to our volunteers for making this sugary goodness for families who ordered.

Upcoming Events:

- Community Building

We get to attend Cornerstone Theater grades 1-6. What a great way to celebrate Christmas together and see youth in theater! We leave at 9 am and return at noon.

- Academic Excellence

We are continuing to meet to discuss program plans for students

- Fieldtrip: Gr. 4-6 going skiing and Gr. 1-3 will start swimming in the new year

- Christmas Clothing Spirit Day on Dec. 12

- Christmas Concert - Theme is "Party in Plaid", 2 daytime performances 10 and 1:30

We have volunteers to snow plow if needed as well as to get our risers and take down the risers
We have started practicing our songs for the concert - mix of new and traditional songs.

- Reindeer Games and PJ Day on Dec. 22

-Core Value assemblies – January 2024

5. Trustee Report : Sherry Cooper

In October there was a celebrations banquet where they recognized employees of 45 years of service, inducted new teachers, applauded retiring teachers, etc.

There was a new CFO in the spring and became full-time in September

The financial statement will be finalized and sent in December

In February is when the Risk management assessments will be made

New tool for teachers being spoken of – Magic school – AI program – refrain from students using this tool

As Board members – they use the Advocacy documents when in conversation with MLA – focus on Support and health services, access, and career development pathways

6. Financial report – Brandee Angelvedt

We will be paying for the bussing needed for Cornerstone theatre as well as for Gr 4-6 skiing 4X

Red Deer catering – donated \$150 towards the Christmas turkey lunch

Report will balance

7. A) Hot Lunch- Stephanie

More orders have been placed this time around – parents not missing the cut off date

1. Turkey lunch update – the meat will be prepared and provided by Red Deer Catering: we will provide mashed potatoes, gravy, bun, cheese, pickles, carrots, juice, brownie... with help of volunteers . 173 students as well as staff and bus drivers. Parents can volunteer to help cook, donate time, food, etc. – we will utilize the Poplar Ridge Hall to help prepare and utilize this facility for free

B) Bottle Drop off will be arranged for January 17-19 at the school

C) Purdy's and Poinsettia – final orders to be in Poinsettia p/u Dec 7 and Purdy's Dec 14.
Purdy's orders are over \$1000 – so we hit the 25% rebate for fundraising

8. A) If there are any concerns or discussion items to be recognized at Parents Matter meeting – please bring forward to Tina – Louise or Jen before the next meeting Wednesday January 17

B) Ice Rink – still working on the logistics about the location – community (County) vs. school division owned property, and how to make this possible – may not happen this winter – but find all facts to possibly do later this season or next

C) Why are the grade 4-6 not able to utilize the chimes at Christmas or in a concert? – Simply put – we do not have a music Teacher this year – and the concert at Christmas will not utilize them - maybe

in the future – it is unfortunate that some senior students (last year at poplar ridge elementary) will not/ did not get to use them

It was also discussed about ordering/using school pinnies for team sporting events (easy recognition of Poplar ridge students) and/ or armbands utilized during the ski events – again to “see” our students (or volunteers) – Colet will look into this – how much and how many...

D) the next meeting will be January 18, 2024

9. Meeting adjourned 10:08