

## Minutes of Joint Meeting of Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising

Poplar Ridge Elementary school in MPR

April 25, 2024 @ 9:00 am

\*indicates written report/ attachments provided

Joint meeting attendees: Alyne Hoar, Mandy Aitken, Colleen Robertson, Colet Grimbeek, Brandee Angeltvedt, Tina-Louise Steyn, Joanna Van Duzen, Eloise Silvernagle and Kimberley Cocks

1. Call to order at 9:02 am
2. Agenda was amended: under heading 6 – take out A as Stephanie is not in attendance and under New Business 7B – adjust to have a 1 and 2. Amended agenda is approved 1<sup>st</sup> is Colet and 2<sup>nd</sup> is Tina-Louise
3. Approval of the March 7, 2024 minutes 1<sup>st</sup> is Brandee and 2<sup>nd</sup> is Tina-Louise
4. Principal's report as written by Kimberley Cocks:

### **Thank you:**

- All who are present
- Colet for setting up the bottle drive
- Colleen for thinking of great upcoming fundraising opportunities

### **March and April School Events:**

Academic Excellence: We welcomed families to attend our Parent Teacher Interviews. We had 80% attendance.

Basketball Club Mrs. Haley Hewlett is our lead coach. We have our tournament tomorrow at HJ on Apr. 26.

Professional Learning: Our staff continues to collaborate with each other as well as teachers in the division.

Internet Safety for our Children Presentation: Ecole Fox Run hosted an Internet Safety for our Children Presentation on Mar. 27. Was anyone able to attend?

School Spirit Days: We had a jersey day and crazy hair day.

Recycling: Did you know that we have one class per month that does the bottle/can recycling?

Spring Bus Evacuations: Spring Bus Evacuations took place on Apr. 9.

HJ Cody Gives Back: 9 Previous Poplar Ridge Students are here for the morning on Apr. 25!

Core Values: Our next Core Values Assembly will be on Apr. 30. Great job to all of our students for displaying integrity, respect, courage, excellence and relationship.

PATs for grade 6: The LA and Math PATs have been delayed until further notice for our grade 6 students. The Science and Social PATs are still a go in June.

**Upcoming Events:**

Field Trips: Many field trips are booked! Thank you, School Council, for funding these opportunities.

Professional Learning Day: On May 3, our teachers will be collaborating with Sylvan teachers to review writing assessments. No school for students this day.

Artist in Residence: Pound It will be here to teach our students some new moves from May 6-10. There will be a performance for families on May 10 at 11 am.

Hats on for Mental Health: Hats on for Mental Health on May 8.

Grandparents/Seniors fun: On May 16, we will be inviting grandparents and seniors from around our community to spend some time with us from 9:30-11:30 More info to come

Iron Chef - More info to come!

No School Day on May 17.

Kindergarten Open House: Mrs. Lidgren will be hosting a Kindergarten Open House for our upcoming Kinders on May 24.

Core Values Assembly: Our May Core Values Assembly will be on May 28.

Upcoming School Spirit Days: Western Day and Tropical Tuesday!

HJ Graduates: On May 30, previous Poplar Ridge students who are now graduating will be coming to Poplar Ridge to see previous teachers and walk the fine halls of Poplar!!!!

Land-based Teachings: Clare Butterfly will be here on June 11 to do land based teachings with us in our forest.

Kindergarten Graduation: Kindergarten Graduation will be on June 20

Final Assembly including gr. 6 farewell: June 18 – Taylor Buit and Mr. P. leaving

Sports Day: June 25 or June 26 as an alternate – Parent council supply hot dog lunch

We wish to purchase stairs for our stage – Approx \$1600 - \$1800 – maybe start a “wish list” on what the school wants/needs – donations can be put towards this list

5. Financial report- last bottle drive brought in \$588, and to purchase reflective visual arm bands for parent helpers, staff and students – cost would be approx. \$150. We may be over our bussing estimate with the cost of bussing going up – see where we are with all the class field trips. The AGLC audit was completed and submitted. If there are budget suggestions for the next school year – bring forward at the next council meeting in June
6. B. Last bottle drive will be May 22-24  
C. Spring fundraiser for Aspen Greenhouses GC in denominations of 25\$ or \$100 ordered by May 2 – distribute in time for Mothers’ Day

7. A. Parents Matter Tina-Louise Steyn and Jen Hein will continue on as our reps. At the last meeting on April 24, the Carstairs principal Dean Nielson spoke. Agenda attached \*\* Spoke about having separate fundraising groups. Next Google meet will be Oct 4, 2024 – if anyone wishes to bring something forward to discuss

B. Co-chair – Colet Grimbeek’s last year

1. Volunteers – final nominations/vote to be held at the last meeting in June

**Motion is made to change a Bylaw and allow 2 Co-Chairs in our School Council** – motion made by Colet Grimbeek and Joanne Van Duzen – voted unanimously and ***carried***

2. New secretary for next school year – Eloise Silvernagle has served 4 yrs. – open to volunteers or nominations at next June meeting

C. Grade 6 farewell ideas – shirts are \$12.75 ea with free shipping, and shall we order one for Mr. P as well? Yes, we will order for all graduating students and for Mr. P. as he is leaving our school

D. Final meeting June 6

8. Meeting adjourned 10:48 am