

Minutes of the Joint General Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising

June 13, 2024 @Poplar Ridge Elementary in MPR 9:00 am

*indicates written/attachments provided

Joint General Meeting attendees: Jen Creasey, Eloise Silvernagle, Colet Grimbeek, Colleen Robertson, Brandee Angelvedt, Darren Pickering, Kimberley Cocks, Tricia Hansen, Alyne Hoar, Tina-Louise Styne, Joanna Van Duzen, Sherry Cooper, Jen Hein and Stephanie Sommerfeldt

1. Call to order at 9:02 am
2. Approval of agenda – we will amend this agenda and add in 1. G) with Fundraising ideas and availability of new Vice Principal Mrs. Lidgren’s availability to attend next Years’ meeting dates. We will also add in a Trustee report when Sherry Cooper arrives. This will be more of a Live Document as attendees may come and go. Approval of amendments 1st is Colet and 2nd is Tina-Louise
3. Approval of the April 25, 2024 minutes 1st is Tina-Louise and 2nd is Brandee
4. Principal’s Report by Kimberly Cocks:

Thank you: - All who committed to our School Council this past year - Colet for setting up the last bottle drive of the school year

May School Events:

- Artist in Residence:** Pound It Hip Hop was so fun!!! Great turnout for our performance.
- Hats on for Mental Health:** Hats on for Mental Health on May 8.
- Grandparents/Seniors fun/Iron Chef :** We welcomed over 100 guests at Poplar Ridge! They visited our classrooms, played at recess, enjoyed the band and tasted fantastic desserts from our grade 5 and 6 students! The staff and students are very grateful for the community support that we receive!
- Kindergarten Open House:** Mrs. Lidgren hosted a Kindergarten Open House.
- Core Values Assembly:** Our last Core Values Assembly was on May 28.
- HJ Graduates:** On May 30, previous Poplar Ridge students came to Poplar Ridge to see previous teachers and walk the halls of Poplar!!!!
- Grade ½ Poetry in my Pocket:** We had about 22 parents visit to hear our students read/sing poems
- Grade 3 Bird Houses:** We had 8 dads assist in the assembling of bird houses! Such a great Opportunity for our students!

June Events:

- June 11: Land Based Teachings with Clare Butterfly (and Isaac)
 - June 18: Year End Assembly and Grade 6 Farewell
 - June 20: Kindergarten Graduation
 - June 21: Indigenous Day
 - June 25: Sports day (Alternate day on June 26)
 - June 27: Report cards go home and last day of school - noon dismissal
- We will be sending home another newsletter mid-June to let families know about teachers and grade configurations for the 2024-2025 school year.

-The staff room, front desk reception area and bathrooms have been newly painted and new desk

-Request/suggestion of looking into bringing in an acting group to perform Rapunzel next year (approx. 1000\$) – put on agenda to look at next Year...

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Hot Lunch: Stephanie Sommerfeldt

Request to continue with the “hotlunch.net” site to utilize for hot lunch and fundraising orders and collection \$315 for the year – YES

In the fall parents who order, will need to sign in to register again the first-time ordering – admin info is saved though – remind parents in newsletter first of the year. Communication of staying just 1 day a week? Thinking of new meal ideas (grilled cheese, chilli and bun, croissantwiches) – always looking for new volunteers – if we hear of anyone – not at beginning of year as well...

Kindergarten will be Tuesday and Thursdays again – so keep the parent hot lunch to one of those days. Maybe Not on a Tuesday – it can make shopping prep a bit hard when it follows a long weekend... Stephanie will stay on as the Hot lunch Coordinator

“break to jump to **Sherry Cooper Trustee report:**” *Add in*

In our Zone 4 – a first-year teacher, Emily Wilson , was awarded the Edwin Par award – Budget approval is complete in the 8 school boards – friendly admin to follow. Budget reports can all be found on line

Kurt Thatcher was evaluated – info can be found on line at the end of June

A Risk assessment was completed on the division – one thing to focus on was the attraction and retention of staff

There is a “Celebrate Chinooks Edge” newspaper style out now – gets good stories out into the public

The premier came to their last Caucus meeting and spoke about the funding formula and the difference in rural schools. There are between 10,500 and 11,000 students. Sherry is the trustee for Poplar Ridge, Springbrook, Penhold and Balmoral. She has a four-year term but can be voted in back-to-back terms – she will be our trustee again next fall

5. Jump back to” 5. On Agenda” **Financial report**

We are lower than expected with our Bottle drive fundraising but surpassed expectations on the Hot lunch. Have paid more than expected with bussing costs and still need to take out costs for some field trips and teacher appreciations and different school events. Hot dog lunch coming up still for Sports Day. We will have the Casino Dec 28/29 2024 – Karen Crawford is our liaison. All monies are balanced

6. B. Healthy Hunger – Tricia Hansen stepped down as the volunteer, and Eloise Silvernagle has accepted to coordinate moving forward. Possibly looking at different days and/or more or different restaurants. Work around parent Hot lunch (maybe Monday’s – work with Steph and Michelle with planning)

7. New Business

- A. Last assembly, parent council will hand out gifts of Poplar ridge T-shirts to students, as well as to Mr. P as he is leaving PR June 18, 2:00

- B. Sports Day – milk donation from Schalwyk family – Colet will organize the menu for hotdogs and work with volunteers June 25
- C. Arm bands – Motion is made to purchase and pay from the “field trips budget”. Voted and *motion is carried*
- D. Disk golf – Where are all the damaged disk nets? Can they be repaired? Where are the discs themselves? Will this sport be implemented into PE class next year? There seems to only be one unit still up on its cement pad... Put on agenda to answer these questions next school year – Supposed to be something that the community could utilize on the park/ playground
- E. Colet is resigning as Vice Chair position. Are there any nominations or volunteers for the position? Eloise nominated Alyne and Tina-Louise. Jenn 2nd the nomination. Both ladies accepted the nomination. No more nominations or volunteers. Vote was unanimous in Favour of nominations presented. ***Motion is Carried with Tina-Louise Steyn and Alyne Hoar, to hold the joint position of Vice-Chair***
- F. Last year of Eloise holding the secretary position on council. Any nominations or volunteers for Secretary position? Colet nominated Joanna Van Duzen and Tina-Louise 2nd the nomination. Joanna accepted nomination. No more volunteers or nominations brought forward. Vote is unanimous and ***motion is carried - Joanna Van Duzen as new council Secretary***
- G. New fundraising idea – Look into “ Day Trippers Children’s Charity”. Funds are raised for trips for those in K-gr 8. There are criteria to follow to see if you are eligible and applications are made. Must not exceed \$25/ child and up to \$1500 CAD. Alyne to follow up with next school year.

It was also mentioned by Sherry Cooper about “girls in aviation” held at RD Airport on September 21 – if anyone is interested – to contact her

Also to please keep in mind moving into next year – days of the week that may work for Mrs. Lidgren for Joint meetings – she will be teaching kindergarten Tues/Thursday and is the new Vice Principal 2024/2025. Find a day that council members can all attend, moving forward

- 8. Next meeting TBD in fall of 2024 and work on Budget for 2024/2025
- 9. Meeting adjourned 10:58