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Minutes of the Joint General Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising  
November 1, 2024 @ Poplar Ridge Elementary in MPR 9:00 am

\*indicates written/attachments provided

Joint General Meeting attendees: Alyne Hoar, Joanna Van Duzen, Colleen Robertson, Brandee Angeltvedt, Jen Hein, Karen Crawford, Jenna Brotnov, Alissa Lidgren, Kimberly Cocks, Michelle Salomons, Stephanie Sommerfeldt, Jen Creasey, Colet Grimbeek, Jana Krutzfeld

1. Call to order at 9:06 a.m.
  - a. introductions of all present
2. Approval of Agenda\*
  - a. Amendments to agenda
    - i. item 5, Sherry Cooper not in attendance
    - ii. item 7c, Eloise not in attendance, Colleen will provide Healthy Hunger report
  - b. Approval of Agenda 1st Colet Grimbeek and 2nd Karen Crawford
3. Approval of September 27, 2024 Minutes\* 1st Brandee Angeltvedt and 2nd Alyne Hoar
4. Principal's Report by Kimberly Cocks

**Administrators' Report to School Council**

**November, 2024**

Thank you:

All who are present

Colleen and team for organizing the apple fundraiser

**October School Events:**

Community:

We celebrated our educational assistants, custodian and teachers this past month on their special day.

We had Gary and Irv visit and present from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

We celebrated Shelley Chu and Sharon Henschel for their years of service with CESD.

We had our first Core Values Assembly. So good to see the core values shining through at school. Thank you families for your continued support at home with the core values.

We had a wonderful Spooktakular read a thon and family literacy night!

Our Halloween parade, classroom dances and reading awards were a huge success!

#### Academic Excellence:

For our Professional Learning Days we have been focusing on differentiation in programming for students in literacy and numeracy.

Staff is implementing small group intervention time to meet specific learning goals based on the data we have collected from our September assessments.

We have welcomed 3 first year practicum students from RDP.

#### Social Emotional Wellbeing/ Physical Wellness

The CESD fun run was such a great opportunity for our gr. 1-6 students.

Volleyball has started for grade 6 students.

We have been completing our drills- evacuation, hold and secure as well as shelter in place (this one was a surprise as we had 7 moose on the playground).

#### Foundational Knowledge Building

We had orange shirt day where students engaged in many different activities in their classrooms, fine arts and the gym.

#### School Clothing

Ms. Salamons has posted new clothing options for families to purchase if interested.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

##### Community Building

We are hosting a Remembrance Day Service with the Innisfail and Sylvan Lake Legion including the Color Party and bagpiper. We will have student involvement in reading poems and MCing our event.

The Lions club is coming for vision screens for kindergarten.

The grade 6 volleyball students will be attending a round robin tournament at HJ Cody.

We look forward to welcoming Paul Davis to discuss internet safety - presentation for students and parents

We are having the Scholastic Book Fair on Nov. 19-22.

### Academic Excellence

We are continuing to meet to discuss program plans for students with families.

We look forward to seeing families at our Parent Teacher Interviews.

Fieldtrip: Gr. 5/6 students are attending No Stones Left Alone at the Sylvan Lake Cemetery.

5. Sherry Cooper not in attendance
6. Financial Report\* Brandee Angelvedt
  - a. Financial Audit: Thank you to Alyne Hoar and Jen Hein for completing the audit
  - b. Outstanding insurance payment which was due has been paid
  - c. Fundraisers
    - i. Healthy Hunger \$209.28 to date
    - ii. Hot lunches \$7555.17 October to January
    - iii. Sun-Oka Apples \$1264.55
7. PTA Committee Report
  - a. Hot Lunch (Stephanie Sommerfeldt): lunches going as planned, one rotation of meals has been completed, thank you to all volunteers involved up to this point. November 22 will be the due date for December/January orders
    - i. Christmas Dinner will take place on December 17th. Donations can be made through the hot lunch order page - the amount of Christmas dinners ordered is equivalent to dollar amount for donation. Donation of menu items can also be made. Spiral pre-cooked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, buns, carrot sticks, pickles, cheese. Donation of time as many volunteers are needed to make the meal happen
  - b. Bottle Drop off (Tina Louise): November 5th and 6th. The trailer will be available during the day as well as during parent/teacher interviews in the evening
  - c. Healthy Hunger (Eloise): there have been around 45-60 meal drop offs on order days. Down slightly from previous years possibly due to Healthy Hunger running twice a week and because there is no meal orders on Kindergarten days.

- i. A reminder was sent out so that parents are aware that Healthy Hunger meals can be ordered throughout the month as long as they are ordered 5 days prior to meal drop off date.
  - d. Friday toast (Joanna and Jana) continues to go smoothly and is well received
  - e. Sun-Oka Apple Fundraiser (Colleen): another successful year for this fundraiser. 139 cases and \$1264.55 raised
  - f. Casino Dates (Karen Crawford): Save the date for December 28 and 29. Volunteer spaces need to be filled. An electronic sign up link will be set up very soon
- 8. New Business
  - a. Stage stairs have been ordered
  - b. Parents Matter\* (Tina Louise and Jen): first meeting took place on October 9th.
    - i. Parents and staff are both responding positively to new cell phone policies
    - ii. Each school board is expected to have policies in place by January 2025 regarding cell phone use in school
    - iii. If there are concerns about what a child is exposed to due to seating arrangement on the bus, bring this up with the bus driver
    - iv. Next meeting is scheduled for January 29th
  - c. Paul Davis November 13th: Grade 4, 5, 6 presentation in the morning. Parent meeting in Poplar Ridge School gymnasium from 6pm to 7pm with a question period after. The evening presentation is for **ADULTS ONLY** as some material will be sensitive. This is open to parents from other schools as well as community members
  - d. Parent/Teacher Interviews: thank you to Colet and Tara for providing meals for staff prior to interviews
  - e. Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser (Colleen): it is ready to go ahead, information will be sent home in the next week or 2. Orders will be due November 23rd
  - f. Rebels Tickets Fundraiser: a volunteer is needed to head this up
  - g. Any Further Questions or Concerns:
    - i. Outdoor Garbage/Recycling Cans: is it possible to add a recycling can outdoors. Could garbage cans be moved to more heavily used areas? Could more garbage cans be added outdoors?
    - ii. Mrs Cocks will discuss with maintenance
  - h. Future Meeting Dates: November 22, January 17, February 28, March 28, May 23
- 9. Meeting Adjourned 10:29 am

