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Minutes of the Joint General Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising January 24, 2025 @ Poplar Ridge Elementary in MPR 9:00 am

*indicates written/attachments provided

Joint General Meeting attendees: Joanna Van Duzen, Colleen Robertson, Brandee Angeltvedt, Jen Hein, Karen Crawford, Jenna Brotnov, Alissa Lidgren, Kimberley Cocks, Stephanie Sommerfeldt, Jordan Wasdel, Robynn Ficiur, Tina Louise Steyn

1. Call to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - a. introductions of all present
2. Approval of Agenda*
 - a. Amendment to Agenda - 6c) no Eloise Silvernagle, Colleen will give Healthy Hunger update on her behalf
 - b. Approval of Agenda 1st) Karen Crawford 2nd) Robynn Ficiur
3. Approval of November 22, 2024 Minutes* 1st) Karen Crawford 2nd) Tina Louise Steyn
4. Principal's Report: Kimberley Cocks

January, 2025

Thank you:

- All who are present
- All who worked the casino and contributed to the bottle drive

December Events:

- Christmas Bureau toy bin is here and ready for donations!
- 12 Days of Christmas will be starting on Dec. 2- stay tuned for more information
- Skiing starts Dec. 12
- Christmas Lunch by School Council
- Christmas Concert on Dec. 19 at 10 am and 1:30 pm
- Reindeer Games on Dec. 20 for gr. 1-3
- Christmas Break

January Events:

- **Core Values**-Over the next months we will continue to focus on the Poplar Ridge Core Values which stem from the Grandfather Teachings. The values are:
Relationships (the wolf) - caring, kind, inclusive
Integrity (the turtle) - trustworthy, honest, sincere
Respect (the buffalo) - thoughtful, considerate, helpful
Courage - (the bear) - risk-takers, brave, confident
Excellence - (the beaver) - persistent, goal-setters and achievers
- **Academic Excellence** - Report cards will be going home on January 29.
- **Social Emotional Wellbeing**-We continue to support communication, attention, memory and self-regulation skills.

- **The Store**- Our school store is open on Monday/Wednesday/Friday for grades 4-6 and on Tuesday/Thursday for grades 1-3. Kindergarten goes on the Fridays that they attend school. Each item is \$1.00. Items include: chips and ice cream. Thank you to the grade 6 students who manage the store.
- **Facebook**- Make sure not to miss out on any announcements or photos. Follow us!
- **Boston Pizza** has launched the Operation Education Fundraiser. When you eat out at Boston Pizza, save your receipts and send them to the school. The school receives a 5% cash back on the pretax total on submitted receipts.

February Events:

- **School Emergency Procedures (Please see the PRS website)**
In order to keep our students safe while they are at school, we practice and prepare for possible emergencies. For your information, please take a moment to read the attached document:
[School Emergency Program Guide for Parents](#)
For more information, you can familiarize yourself with the Chinook's Edge webpage that is focused on safety in schools: [Chinook's Edge School Division Safety Plans](#)

Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 7- Swimming grades 1-3
- School Spirit Day
- Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
- Kindergarten Friday
- Swimming/ School Spirit Day
- Grade 6 Badminton tournament at PR vs. Beacon Hill
- Feb. 17-21 - Family Day, Winter Break, Teacher's Convention
- No school for students
- Feb. 25 - Pink Shirt Day!
- Core Value Assembly (you will be notified if your child is receiving an award)
- Feb. 28 - Kindergarten Friday/Swimming/ School Spirit Day!

5. Financial Report*: Brandee Angeltvedt
 - a. Bottle Drive brought in \$280
 - b. Parent Council hot lunches continues to do well
 - c. No new expenses since November, however busing invoices from skiing and swimming have not come in yet
 - d. Purdy's chocolate brought in \$515
 - e. Grade 6 was approved for funding to travel to the legislation building

6. PTA Committee Report
 - a. Hot Lunch: Stephanie Sommerfeldt
 - i. Thank you to the volunteers, as well as the monetary donations that made Christmas lunch a great success
 - ii. Ordering for February and March hot lunches is open until January 25
 - iii. Looking ahead, many of the current volunteers of hot lunches have children graduating this year, so more volunteers will be needed in future especially for hot lunches to run twice a week
 - b. Bottle Drive: Tina Louise Steyn

- i. Next bottle drive will be scheduled for March 19 and 20 to coincide with P/T interviews
 - ii. In future the January bottle drive may be excluded as it seems to compete with many other organizations collecting bottles in January
 - c. Healthy Hunger: Colleen Robertson
 - i. McDonalds, Papa Johns and Pizza Box see higher order volume while Edo, Opa and Chopped Leaf remain lower
 - ii. a reminder will be sent home that ordering is available monthly
 - d. Casino Feedback: Karen Crawford
 - i. totals from December's casino should be available in the next few weeks
 - ii. we are back in the rotation, we should know which year and block of months we will have within the next few weeks as well
 - iii. Karen has volunteered to remain the casino coordinator for the next casino as well
 - iv. thank you to Karen for organizing and to all the volunteers who helped that night

7. New Business

- a. Parents Matter: Tina Louise Steyn and Jen Hein
 - i. Next Meeting is January 29, 2025
 - ii. Agenda includes: Key Messages to the new superintendent and how the school division will begin to utilize AI
- b. Rebels Fundraiser: on hold for now
- c. Administrators have requested funding to bring an inline skating program to Poplar Ridge. This will be added to the agenda for February 28th
- d. Future Meeting Dates: February 28, March 28 and May 23

8. Meeting Adjourned at 10:14am