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Minutes of the Joint General Poplar Ridge School Council and Fundraising February 28, 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, Kimberley Cocks, Stephanie Sommerfeldt, Robynn Ficiur, Tina Louise Steyn, Eloise Silvernagle, Laurette Woodward, Alyne Hoar, Marcie Perdue

1. Call to order at 9:08 a.m.
 - a. introductions of all present
2. Approval of Agenda*
 - a. Amendments to Agenda: Laurette Woodward (Communications Liaison for Chinooks Edge) and Marcie Purdue (Liaison Superintendent) will both present after Principal's Report 4 a) and b)
 - b. Approval of Agenda 1st) Tina Louise 2nd) Brandee, carried
3. Approval of January 24, 2025 Minutes 1st) Karen 2nd) Alyne, carried
4. Principal's Report February 2025: Kimberley Cocks

Thank you:

- All who are present

January Events:

- **Core Values-** Continued 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 went out on January 29.
- **Social Emotional Wellbeing-**We continue to support communication, attention, memory and self-regulation skills.
- **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:

- Swimming continued
Grade 6 Badminton tournament at PR vs. Beacon Hill
- Family Day, Winter Break, Teacher's Convention

- Pink Shirt Day and Core Values Assembly - whole school singing a song

March Events:

5. Our teachers are at Professional Learning Days with teachers from around CESD
6. **Academic Excellence:** Teachers are updating Individual Progress Plans for students for students who need accommodations to support their learning
7. **Indigenous Learning:** On Mar. 6, Clare Butterfly will be meeting with students during fine arts/ music to talk about his up bringing, culture and regalia. At 2:15, he will be dancing in the gym. Families are welcome to join.
8. **Professional Learning Day for staff on Mar. 7** - no school for students
9. Substitute Teachers Week - Mar. 10-14
10. **St. Patrick's Day:** We will encourage staff and students to wear green
11. **CESD Board Visit:** On Mar. 18, the CESD Board will be visiting Poplar Ridge to discuss successes and goals of PR!
12. **Parent Teacher Interviews-** On Mar. 19 and 20, we will be hosting our Spring Parent Teacher Interviews. Stay tuned for sign up information.
13. **School Council Bottle Drive** - School Council will have a trailer to collect bottles and cans during parent teacher interview times.
14. **Professional Learning Day** on Mar. 21 - no school for students.
15. **School Council:** The next meeting will be on Mar. 28 at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to attend!
16. **Alien Inline Skating starts on Mar. 31** - more information to come!

- a. Report by Laurette Woodward, Communications Liaison for Chinook's Edge
 - i. Facebook is the chosen platform for communications with parents and community as it has been surveyed as the highest used social media platform by parents
 - ii. it is understood that Facebook is not the only means of communicating with parents and the community, that all communication means are valuable
 - iii. Chinook's Edge encourages schools to post at least twice a week at this point working towards once a day in future
 - iv. at this point each school has a designated school employee to post on social media, chosen by the principal, based on interest. At Poplar Ridge this is Kimberley and Michelle
 - v. The main purpose of social media posts is to CELEBRATE students, staff and schools in Chinook's Edge, to brag on the great things that are happening and give parents and community a glimpse into the school without needing to be there physically
 - vi. These celebration posts have, in turn, boosted morale within schools and amongst staff members
 - vii. The reputation of a school matters and parents can help by liking, sharing and commenting on the Facebook posts of their school and school division
 - viii. the data collected regarding reach and engagement of posts between September 2023 and April 2024 compared to the same 8 months in the previous school year shows a significant increase in both areas, especially at Poplar Ridge

- b. Report by Marcie Purdue
 - i. Marcie's role as Liaison Superintendent is to support Kimberley and Alissa in their leadership roles and work towards future goals for the school
 - ii. Additionally, parents can reach out to her in areas where Kimberley is not able to help or, in addition to Kimberley or in any areas where a parent may require division support
 - iii. Marcie highlighted the exceptional stats which Poplar Ridge has in student attendance, literacy and safe and caring community, 100% of students, staff and parents feel that Poplar Ridge School is a safe and caring community
 - iv. Chinook's Edge is working diligently on a complex needs imperative which has become more and more necessary due to the pandemic. Each school has a Student Support Lead. At Poplar Ridge, this is Alissa. One of the main objectives of this imperative is to be proactive rather than reactionary where complex needs are present

17. Financial Report*: Brandee

- a. Casino brought in \$29,790.70
- b. With the rising cost of transportation we will need to be diligent with these funds as the next Casino fundraiser could be up to 3 years away and we currently pay \$8000-\$10,000 per year on busing for field trips
- c. Skiing and swimming busing has been paid
- d. Field trip proposals will be coming in in the next few months, as well as food expenses for the next rounds of hot lunches
- e. Parents may need to contribute to field trip costs in future

18. PTA Committee

- a. Hot Lunch: Stephanie
 - i. Kitchen items to purchase: hotdog roaster and large stock pot
 - ii. Hot lunch volunteers will be needed going into next year as several long time volunteers will not be returning next year
 - iii. April/May ordering is available and a reminder of cut off date will be sent home mid March
- b. Bottle Drive: Tina Louise
 - i. March 19 and 20th to coincide with P/T interviews
 - ii. Future dates: May 29/30
- c. Healthy Hunger: Eloise
 - i. Averages \$400/month
 - ii. Meals that are priced between 5 and 6 dollars bring in more profit than those priced between 8 and 9
 - iii. Eloise Silvernagle has volunteered to coordinate healthy hunger next year as well.

19. New Business

- a. Parents Matter*: Tina Louise/Jen
 - i. a large part of the discussion was about how AI is utilized within the division. Currently in its infancy, but its influence will be seen more and more moving forward
 - ii. If interested in reading full minutes from Parents Matter, contact Tina Louise
 - iii. the next Parents Matter meeting will be April 30th, if you would like anything brought forward at the next meeting, contact Tina Louise or Jen
- b. Alien In-Line Funds Request
 - i. Alien In-line will be providing an in school in line skating experience for all Poplar Ridge students. They bring all equipment and each class will participate each day for a week. The cost is \$4500
 - ii. A motion was put forward for school council to pay for half of the cost of this program 1st) Brandee 2nd) Tina Louise carried
 - iii. Parents will cover remaining cost
- c. Spring Fundraiser
 - i. Aspen Greenhouse - gift cards to be ready for Mother's Day
 - ii. Colleen will look into a possibility of adding a beef jerky or bacon fundraiser to this
- d. Any Additional Items
 - i. Disc golf nets were vandalized and, unfortunately beyond any easy repair
 - ii. Possibility of looking into small business or RD County sponsorship for the School sign which is too broken to be used to post announcements. A new sign would be about \$15,000
- e. Future Meeting Dates:
 - i. March 28, May 23

20. Meeting Adjourned: 11:03 am