



SEVEN PERSONS SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes March 20, 2024

School Council Purpose “ To Enhance Student Learning”

Item	Topic	Discussion	Time (min)	Person
1.0	Call to Order @ 1833		1	Danielle
		Who: Meg, Karen, Julie, Ashleigh, Graeme, Myrna, Mrs. Dion, Danielle, Lisa, Stacey, Catherine, Mr. Regehr, Kelsey, Joanne		
2.0	Review and Approval of February Minutes		1	
		Karen made a motion to accept the minutes, Stacey seconded them.		
3.0	Review of Agenda		1	
4.0	Report Updates			
4.1	Chair/ Vice Chair	<p>Encouragements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mrs. Usher - Robotics Lunch Sessions -Mr. Pruden - Monday Lunch Football with Junior High -Lisa Lindsay - attending last Parent Council to review services for children with Complex Needs -Junior High Food options-the kids are loving it. 	2	Danielle
4.1	Teacher report	<p>Brief update on what is happening in your class or academy</p> <p>School update from teachers</p> <p>How can PC support you in your classroom? Are there any other requests for support?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Regehr-students are busy getting projects ready for Exhibition of Learning. Studying electricity. They need to wire their own circuits for their houses. • Mrs. Dion- Egg drop science experiment, exhibition of learning, Indigenous Totem Animal project. See attachment 4.1 for student reflections on what they are learning. • Mrs. Beck has a request for items as does Mrs. Copeland and Mr. Resch. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Will carry over requests to financial meeting. 	5-10	
4.2	Principal/Vice Principal	<p>Administration update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Created a video about Down Syndrome. Tomorrow is Down Syndrome Day. • Thank you to the Deering family for coordinating travel for the Boys Basketball games. • Gr. 9 Farewell parent meeting. There were many participants, and discussion. Date is June 13, 5:30 start. Gr. 8 parent meeting will happen after Easter. • K-5 teachers are using U Fly. It incorporates the science of reading. It has a phonics foundation, but decodes different sounds of letter combinations and enables kids to decode words. 	5	Catherine

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exhibition of learning is next Wednesday from 5-6. Encourage people to come and ask the students questions to challenge and encourage their learning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have we contacted the radio station to get them interested? Increases investment of community members ○ Put it in the newsletter or on social media? ● Parent Teacher Interviews are 3:30-6 on March 28th. Junior High teachers will be in their classrooms. There is an online option for Google Meet. ● 4 staff are receiving long service awards. We can make mention of this at the year-end awards. ● Co-Op card fundraiser, there will be an order every month until July. Funds go towards more STEM technology and field trips tied to the curriculum. How can these fundraisers be accessible to the community. Stacey can assist Catherine in sharing social media posts to communicate fundraisers to the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Big Marble Field trip is amazing. It books up very quickly. There would be something valuable to learn for all ages of students. ○ The cost of buses for field trips has increased substantially. You can get between 45-70 kids in a bus. ○ The field trip to Calgary to go to the Zoo and Callaway Park was great however, the kids spent more time on the bus than off the bus. The drivers also can't be working longer than 10 hours. ○ Perhaps big field trips need to be dedicated every year to certain grades i.e., big field trips are always in Gr. 6 and Gr. 8. ○ Ideas include: Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump, Virtual museum visit. ● Track meet- They will be separate days for Junior High vs. Elementary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 8th is the Junior High date with May 10th as a back up. It will be done in the morning. It is hot lunch day-hot dogs/smokies on May 8th. Junior high students who choose not to participate could help run a small concession. ○ Elementary is May 31 with June 3rd as the back up. Will try and have the kids in teams based on countries. Elementary track runs all day. Do we want to do a concession, traditional hot lunch? Will have Gr 1-3 pre-order meals, and 4-9 will have a traditional concession. 		
4.3	Trustee	<p>Prairie Rose School Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See attachments (Board of Trustees Awards and March Board highlights) ● Deanne Smigelski is Oyen Principal and Heather Gust is VP for Irvine. 	10	Graeme

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samantha Johnson-she is the Prairie Rose Reporter. Can she come to Exhibition of Learning. • April 9-Division office, school of councils meeting. Graeme will extend the invite to Danielle. 		
5.0	Old Business			
5.1	Community Event	<p>March/April event - re-sent out an email to general volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Community Coordinator-would coordinate events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Have a plan for each month. o Event coordinator would be rounding up volunteers, guide the volunteer organizer through the first time. o Could provide them with the binder with instructions for how to organize the specific event. o Kelsey would coordinate another dance. Will coordinate for early April. April 26th is a PD day. Could do April 25th or could do any Friday. o Kelsey has offered to be the School Community Coordinator. Ashleigh has been coerced/voluntold to help support. • Parent Appreciation breakfast is May 24. 	5	Danielle
5.3	Year Book	Link to drop pictures	2	
6.0	New Business			
6.1	Track and Field	Date decided and volunteers needed	5	Danielle
6.2	Teacher Appreciation	<p>Date? Unknown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy and Marcy are coordinating. 	2	Danielle
6.3	Bus Driver Appreciation	<p>Need a person - date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashleigh will do bus driver appreciation. Breakfast sandwiches. Will put together a budget. 	2	
6.4	Field Trips and wish lists	<p>Do teacher's know about the money, do we need to send out a letter?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wish list has no monetary limit. • Field Trip limit is \$500 per grade. • Does financial committee need to consider increasing funds allotted to busses? • Allotment to Gr. 9 is \$400 and hasn't changed in years. This allocation could be reviewed as well. 	2	
6.5	Awards	<p>Citizenship and Bursaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will discuss at subsequent financial meeting. 		
6.6	Casino	May 8th and 9th - Volunteers will be needed -Defer		
6.6	Elections	May - currently need a Vice President.		Danielle
6.7	Community Event Planner			Danielle
	HOW CAN WE HELP	How can the Parent Council support and enhance student learning		
7.0	Meeting Adjourned	<p>Next Meeting- April 17th at 6:30pm</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 1950</p>	1	Danielle

Events:

September: Back to School Chili Cook-off

October: School Dance

November: Bingo

December: Community Christmas or Christmas Concert

January:

February:

March:

April:

May: Track and Field

Teacher Appreciation

Bus Driver Appreciation

Attachments:

Attachment 4.1

What Grade 4D wants you to know about our classroom...

1	We have been doing a book project about Pax and Because of Winn-dixie. I love this project because I love to read. This project was really fun because we had to read and answer questions. This was really fun for me and I hope to do another one soon. Some people struggle but it is mostly all okay! I hope we get Mrs. Dion again, she is so kind and I love her so much!
2	I enjoy that we get along. We also really like to do group projects which always brings us together and makes us better friends. I hope I get Mrs. Dion for a teacher again, she is so awesome! We all listen to each other's ideas so we can have ideas from everyone. I'm so excited for the exhibition of learning. We are doing totem animals which I think is really cool! I really really really LOVE the school!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
4	I really love that everybody gets along. I think I will really like it when we get to do the exhibition of learning! I love everything about my class. I LOVE Mrs. Dion, she is really generous and special. My favorite part of this class is my classmates being themselves and they are having a fun time. I think this year was my favorite of them all. I'm VERY lucky to be a part of this class. I hope everybody will have as good of a year as I did.
6	The thing you should know is we are having a big exhibition of learning. I have a lot of fun at this school. There are lots of fun things like soccer and basketball. I loved the egg drop we did in science. Me and Tenely were together and our egg did not break. My favorite day is Friday because me and my friends made a string of toys. I'm reading a book called weird but true it is a really good book.
8	I like our exhibition of learning project. We are doing our totem animals. My totem animal is an elephant. I also like when we do an experiment in science.
9	I am having so much fun with Mrs. d and her class everyone is so kind. Ok let's get to the point. We lately have been working on our Exhibition of learning there are so many fun things about it. We are doing totem animals it is so much fun. I loved our book reports we did in the past that was a long time ago all the way at Halloween. I love school so much miss dion is awesome and all my classmates too. For totem animals i am a Leopard and everyone has their own animal. Everyone is so helpful.
10	We are doing a thing for our totem animals and it is fun because we get to make masks and get to make pictures that are fun and cool. I hope we get to do more someday. We are also doing a lot in this class and it will be sad when we leave. I will miss my class and the things we did in the class we did tons of fun science and social so I hope we get to keep the class. We read these books called because of winn dixie and the wild robot and the wish tree. Those books were fun so I know that if we read another book I will like it.
11	I'm going to be so sad when we leave this class. I'm enjoying this class so much. I like when we did the egg drop project sadly ours never survived. Sorry Humpty Dumpty we should have made a better home.

	We are doing our Totem animals from the Anishinabe. I can't wait for the exhibition of learning. I love when we were just playing with bins and all of a sudden we just started measuring how much meters it was. I liked it when we watched Because of Winn Dixie. I like the parties that Miss Dion plans.
13	We are having so much fun and what I think you should know is that we are very thankful for everything. Like we say thank you for helping us or if someone gives us something we need that we do not have or if someone shows us where something is. We love all the projects that we are doing.
14	I am having lots of fun and learning new things everyday! I liked the book reports we did and the Exhibition of Learning is very exciting! We are doing totem animals and we research them. We also do fun experiments like egg drops, and salt and pepper stick to a static spoon! We are doing brochures in social and learning of the different regions. Everyone is kind and thinks differently, some struggle in math but are very good at social or science. We also did book projects on Pax and Winn-dixie. Mrs.Dion is an awesome teacher and I hope she can teach us again!
15	I think you should know we love the current project we are doing and it is the exhibition of learning and i think everyone loves it. We also did an egg drop and it was very fun and I think everyone enjoyed it. One of my favorite ones was the book report! It was one of the funnest ever!!! We worked hard on our book projects called <u>Pax</u> and <u>Because of Winn - Dixie</u> and I did <u>Because of Winn - Dixie</u> so we got a movie day and watched <u>Because of Winn - Dixie</u> . My favorite part of the year is when we have music because I'm playing the trumpet. My favorite subject is math because I'm really good at it. I also favorite science as well because I like gravity and wormholes too.
16	I think that you should know that we are having fun and that we are doing a project which is so fun its about totem animals. I can't wait when you see our project. We all love this class and every kid that we make friends with! Also when we do gym we are always kind and all these kids love to draw and people don't have to but to like or love the same things. I love that we do all these things because they are so fun! We watched Because Of Winn-Dixie. The movie was good!
17	This class is great!!!!Every kid is unique in their own way. One of my favorite things we have done this year is when we did the book report. We all did a report about our favorite book. Right now we are doing totem animals for the exhibition of learning. This class is great. Everybody is talented and smart!

Attachment 4.2: March Administrators Report

1. A HUGE thank you to the basketball coaches this year: Ashleigh & Logen Murray, Allyson Deis, Lindon Martin, Jeff Wilson & David Gechter. The athletes had a wonderful season!

2. Exhibition of Student Learning - Wednesday, March 22 - 5:30 - 7:30

What is an Exhibition or Celebration of Learning?

An exhibition of learning is a kind of summative/final assessment. They may take a variety of forms, from an essay defense to a digital publication to a whole-school event. However, at the core of all exhibitions of learning is that they are student-driven presentations of work. Students work with a teacher to decide which work to curate and how to present it. Each exhibition features an element of exploratory reflection on the part of students where they articulate the impact of the work on their learning. Lastly, the audience for an exhibition of learning isn't just a teacher. It's designed for a larger audience, such as community members.

When students know from the inception of a project that they will be sharing it with an authentic audience, they feel excited and driven. Inviting a real audience into school to witness student work brings a sense of purpose to the students. After all, it's exhilarating to talk about your thinking, your successes and challenges with a larger audience; most kids are used to just sharing with the teacher. Bringing an audience into school can create motivation within students to shine and do their best. It allows kids to feel important and that people care about their work

For the students, sharing their learning with a variety of people helps them to dive deeper into their understanding and solidifies their learning much more so than just presenting to their teacher or in front of the class. It is very important that your child (children) be at school to present their learning to the larger school community.

3. Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday, March 23 - 3:30-6:30

- a. Please go to schoolinterviews.ca and use the code: xhurb

4. We continue to teach the Seven Sacred Teachings. Almost all First Nation people follow the Seven Sacred Teachings. They also apply to every culture. People all over the world should and do follow these simple teachings on human conduct.

- a. The next few weeks - we will work on HUMILITY.

5. Jr. High Badminton season has started - Todd Regher and Jordan Schibler (Todd's friend) are coaching this year. We have a whopping 30 kids!

6. JK/K Open House - Tuesday, March 28th - 5:30-7:00

Attachment 4.3 March Board Highlights and Trustee Awards

Board Highlights March 2024

School Bus Transportation Request for Proposals

Chief Financial Officer Ryan Boser shared that at the end of the current school year, all 87 school bus routes will be at the end of their contracts and will go up for tender. Interested bus contractors can submit bids until noon on Friday, April 12. Packages can be submitted via email or dropped off at any school or the Prairie Rose Public Schools division office. The public tender opening will take place at noon on April 12.

Executive Report

- Deputy Superintendent Mark Heinrichs announced that Prairie Rose had selected Brooklyn Burzminski as the Edwin Parr nominee for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - PRPS will be working to create a set of guidelines for student use of AI (artificial intelligence). PRPS Instructional Coach Cammie Kannekens will spearhead work on the document.
 - Exhibitions of Learning have begun across the school division. To date, Eagle Butte, Ralston, and Senator Gershaw schools have hosted learning events.
 - A Hot Wheel racing activity called Gravity Racing has started at Foremost School led by teacher Jay Diemert. The kids bring in their favourite Hot Wheel cars, which they race against each other using a very specific set of race rules on Thursdays at lunch and recess. Around 40 students are involved in the club.

2024-2025 School Calendar

The board approved the 2024-2025 School Calendar. It was noted that the school start date will be after the Labour Day long weekend and that most holidays and PD days are closely aligned with the neighbouring school divisions.

Technology Accountability Report

Manager of Technology Wayne Rossler presented the annual Technology Report for information. Part of the report focused on an overview of the different technology distributed across the school division, which includes one-to-one Chromebooks for all students in grades 4 and up. It was shared that the division continues to have some challenges with damaged Chromebooks coming back for repair. The school division only charges for the cost of the parts and takes care of the labour internally. The other significant technology initiative over the past year has been the migration from Smartboards to Viewsonic Interactive Display Boards across the school division. Forty-five boards have been deployed to date. Feedback from the schools about the new boards has been positive, and the technology team is in the process of mounting the boards on the walls of the classrooms from the moveable carts they are currently on. The full technology report can be found in the March 13, 2024, Board Agenda package.

Locally Approved Courses

The board approved locally developed courses Musical Theatre 15-3, 15-5, 25-3, 25-5, 35-3 and 35-5. Approval of these courses allows high schools to provide additional course credits to students who participate in high school musical productions (dance, drama, music).

Board Highlights March 2024

School Field Trip Approvals

- The board approved the Ralston School field trip request to Super T Aviation for grades 4 and 5 students on March 28, 2024. The trip will include learning about the theory of aerodynamics with the DR Flight Academy students and a flight in a 30-minute plane ride above Medicine Hat.
- The board approved the South Central High School field trip to Belize from April 16 to April 25, 2025. The trip will focus on social studies, biology and international foods curriculum and include visits to the Maya Forest Corridor, Mayan Ruins of Caracol and the Belize Barrier Reef. Students will also get to experience a bird banding and bat mist-netting workshop, and visit the Smithsonian research centre at Carrie Bowe Caye.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Awards of Recognition

High School Achievement Award

- A maximum of two awards will be given out to a student in each PRPS high school for a total of eight awards per year.
- Students can be nominated by any school staff member.
- A selection committee made up of members of the school staff, school principal and the local trustee will choose the award recipient.

Eligibility	Any current grade 10, 11, or 12 student enrolled at a Prairie Rose school. The student must have started the current year within Prairie Rose Public Schools. The student must be registered at a Prairie Rose school for the upcoming fall or graduating.
Award Value	\$500 per student.
Award Criteria (the student nominee shows achievement in at least two or more of the six core principles)	<p>CONNECT: The student shows care and consideration for others.</p> <p>CREATE: The student exhibits a genuine passion and curiosity for school work and encourages others to do the same.</p> <p>COMMUNICATE: The student communicates with mutual respect, advocating for themselves and others.</p> <p>CARE: The student is a team player, humble, diplomatic, receptive, open-minded and harmonious.</p> <p>CONTRIBUTE: The student manages their time and the time of others well, identifying and completing goals with high expectations.</p> <p>CHALLENGE: The student has an internal drive and desire to overcome obstacles and maximize performance through initiative and responsibility.</p>
Nominate a Student	Nominations should include a brief description of why the student is deserving of the award, along with supporting examples. Link to Submit: Submit a High School Nomination
Submission Deadline	May 31, 2024