

THE PINNACLE PARENT ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday January 15, 2025

Location: Virtually

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Present: Audrey Arnal, Jill M, Stefanie Powell, Kate Ross, Kira, Greg, Angie

Staff: Chantel Crosby, Stephanie B, Tara Hines, Emily Heatherington

- **Land Acknowledgment by Audrey:**
 - *We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika (See-see-gah), The Pikani(Bee-gah-nee) and the Kainai(guy-nah). We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina(Soot-tenna), the Stoney Nakoda(Na-ko-da) First Nations, the Region 3 Metis Nation and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.*
- **Meeting called to order by: Audrey Arnal 6:30pm**
- **Welcome by chair.**
- **Approval of the January 2025 agenda:**
 - Motioned:** Stefanie P
 - Seconded:** Kate R
- **Approval of November 2024 minutes:**
 - Motioned:** Greg
 - Seconded:** Audrey A
- **Teacher Presentation: Yellow Team – Tara Hines and Emily Heatherington (10 minute).**

New writing program using science of writing. It is Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) and uses TIDE and POWER methods. Students at this school can get overwhelmed when having to write and these methods help provide structure and support to help them succeed.
- **Administration Update - Chantel Crosby, Principal**
 - Kids are back from winter break and are settled and the school is calm.
 - December was literacy assessments. Done three times per year. June 2025 is the next one.
 - i. Seeing great progress.
 - ii. Students will be moving literacy groups when required to meet their literacy needs and goals.
 - Thank you for the funding for the art room which is beautiful. Funds used to revamp and redo the art room so please stop by to see it.
 - Anxiety session coming up on Monday, January 27, 2025
 - i. Notice was sent out Monday.
 - ii. Meeting will be virtual from 7pm to 8:15pm.
 - iii. Paige the school psychologist will be presenting helpful tips, tricks, and strategies for students to overcome anxiety.
 - Year 2 and 3 transitions starting
 - i. Program reviews – test scores and next steps
 - ii. School will be reaching out in continued support is needed.
 - iii. If going back to community school, no forms required, will be auto registered to designated school.
 - iv. School will be in touch with parents on all of this shortly.

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- Alberta School Engagement Grant awarded through Alberta Education for \$1,000.
 - i. Last year these funds were used for school psychologist presentation.
 - ii. Need to consider what the funds can be used for this year.
- **Introductions:**
 - President – Audrey A elected into role in November meeting to replace Jill M.
 - Vice President – Kate R elected into role in November to fill vacancy and is a first-year parent.
 - Treasurer/Secretary – Stefanie P elected into adding on Secretary role from November meeting so Audrey could fill VP. Second year parent.
 - Casino Fundraiser – Kira elected in September and is a second-year parent.
 - Greg – reached out last meeting wanting to join/assist
 - Jill M – past president.
- **President update:**
 - Planning on meeting up with school admin soon.
 - Working on getting council together to plan for the remaining of school year.
- **Treasury/Secretary update:**
 - Completed and remitted approved AGLC reporting and new elected officials form on January 12, 2025.
 - Financial statements approved.
 - i. Need to be scanned and remitted to Alberta Registries and Pinnacle Parent Association.
 - 1. School will make it known to future boards that they can scan AGLC reports and financial statements as can prove difficult with home devices and costly through external providers.
 - Need to get signing authority changed over.
 - i. Time when new signing authorities can all meet at bank to process the paperwork.
 - ii. Once complete the funding request by the school will be paid via cheque.
 - Prepare any new funding requests for upcoming meetings.
 - Stefanie will provide financial update next meeting as reporting was very time consuming and just was completed last weekend.
 - Stefanie will provide casino funds timing expiry schedule however AGLC assures as long as it being spent, they don't revoke funding on a strict deadline. AGLC also said timing was 2 years and since has been moved to 3 years.
- **Casino Fundraiser update:**
 - Received the AGLC slotting for next casino event at the Elbow River Casino.
 - i. Next event is in 2026.
 - Casino events are every other year with a time window of around October to January.
 - Kate R wondered if Jenn could step in as Casino Coordinator for longer continuity and Kira assured us that she will be here to help into 2026.

Next meeting Date: Wednesday February 26, 2025. Keep meeting as virtual.

- **Adjourned: 7:09pm**