

Prince of Wales School, Calgary AB
Chair Annual Report, 2025-2026

Executive:

Principal	Poppy Johnson
Assistant Principal	Kimberly Dawson
Chair	Miranda Wu
First Vice-Chair	Devon Tamblyn
Second Vice-Chair	Christy Berscht
Treasurer	Andrea Anderson
Secretaries	Andrea Legault & Sarah McKenzie
Key Communicator	Kym Holt

Committees:

Volunteer Coordinators	Leah Kirk & Jessica Aimer
Co-Chairs Book Fair	Marcia Birkigt & Samantha Teske
Fun Lunch Chair	Hannah MacDonald
Events & Programs	Christy Berscht
Staff Appreciation Chair	Vacant
Safety & Wellness/	Vacant
Terry Fox Committee	
Outdoor Learning Space/	Marcia Birkigt
Playground Committee	
Grade 6 Celebration	Leah Kirk,
Grade 4 Celebration	Miranda Wu, Christy Berscht & Jessica Aimer
Lost & Found Committee	Jessica Aimer

2025-2026 School Council Meeting Dates:

September 17th, 2025
October 16th, 2025 (canceled due to teachers strike)
November 19th, 2025
January 15th, 2026
February 19th, 2026
April 8th, 2026
May 7th, 2026
June 3rd, 2026

August:

- August 28th: Welcome Back treats for staff were donated by Cobs Bread and Starbucks on August 28 and everyone enjoyed them (Miranda organized this for staff)

September:

- September 12th: Terry Fox Run took place on September 12th. Volunteers supported students walking from the school to the ridge and cheering them on at the ridge. A granola bar and juice box per child were donated by two families from the school.
- September 17th: First Council Meeting 6:30-8pm
- September 18th: Meet the teacher evening 3:30-8pm. Council supplied ice cream treats to families. We were set up in the staffroom where families could enter a draw for fitset ninja passes.
- September 18th: A bottle drive was set up at the front of the school. \$464.05 was raised.
- September 18th: A sign up was put out at the meet the teacher event for: A new group formed in WhatsApp for odd jobs that are not necessarily part of formal Council but that can take on odd jobs from time to time when needed (this will help Council members fulfil their duties).
- September 17 & 18th: Fun Lunch Subway (18th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms

- September 24th: Old Dutch chip fundraiser order deadline
- September 25th: School Picture Day (Tuesday/Thursday kindergarten) where parent volunteers helped with bringing classes to and from the gym.

October:

- October 3rd: Council organized a meal for staff before the teachers strike started to let them know we appreciate them.
- October 6th: Teachers strike started
- October 8th: Fun Snack Kernels (9th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms. (cancelled due to strike & orders placed received a credit on their accounts)
- October 16th: Council meeting 6:30-8pm (Cancelled due to teachers strike)
- October 22nd & 23rd: Fun Lunch COCO Brooks (23rd Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms (cancelled due to strike & orders placed received a credit on their accounts)
- October 27th: Old Dutch chip fundraiser pick up 2:00-6pm. Volunteers helped parents carry out orders. \$ 1,918.29 was raised.
- October 29th: Classes resumed
- October 30th: Family Halloween Dance (Cancelled due to teachers strike. Rescheduled for December 11th.)
- Mabels Labels: \$104.51
- Healthy Hunger: \$227.93

November:

- November 5th: Fun Snack COBS (6th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms.
- November 13th: Council organized treats for staff. This was donated by Cobs bread in Legacy.
- November 19th: Fun Lunch Chick-Fil-A (20th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms.
- November 19th: Council Meeting 6:30-8pm (Grade 5/6 Presented)
- Nov 21st: Scholastic Crates arrived for bookfair setup. Marcia, Samantha & Mrs. Fitz set up for the bookfair.
- November 21st: Westjet Flight Raffle deadline. \$6,357 was raised.
- November 24-27th: Calgary Flames Classroom Crew Ball Hockey Residency
- November 25th: Fundscrip gift card ordering deadline. \$24.36 was raised.
- November 26th: Purdy's Chocolate order deadline. \$410.86 was raised.
- November 26th: Picture retakes/Monday-Wednesday Kindergarten where parent volunteers helped with bringing students to and from the staffroom.
- November 27th: Parent/Teacher Conferences Council organized a dinner for the staff. Food and drinks were donated by parents for staff to enjoy.
- November 27 & 28th: Book Fair Parent volunteers/Marcia and Samantha worked shifts to make the book fair a great success. We had our highest sales ever with \$6,594.50. The previous record was \$700 less with 129 more students at the school. After all the bills are paid, the library received \$3,047.14 in Scholastic dollars. The fish tank coin drop was a huge hit. We collected 1256 quarters for a total of \$314.
- November 27 & 28th: Bottle Drive Jessica and Christy organized a bottle drive. \$254.70 was raised.
- Leah renewed our Microsoft Teams subscription for \$80 Microsoft Teams
- Mabels Labels: \$50.63
- Council gave Marcia B a volunteer recognition (\$100 gift card) for the grant writing she has done for the new Outdoor Learning Space/Playground.

December:

- December 1st: The Christmas tree was set up in the Library by Sarah and Miranda

- December 3rd: Fun Snack Tim Hortons (Dec 4th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms.
- Dec 10th: Purdy's Chocolate pick up 2:30-6pm. Volunteers helped pass out orders.
- December 11th: Winterwonderland Family dance 6:30-8pm. (\$3 per person) Families dressed as their favorite holiday tradition and hosted a Gingerbread House contest. Net proceeds were \$661 after expenses, despite attendance being approximately 200 people lower than the Halloween dance in 2024.
- December 15: Staff gratitude candy bar set up by council (donated by Christy)
- December 17th: Fun Lunch Mucho Burrito (18th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms.
- December 18th: The Christmas tree was taken down by Miranda and Staff

January:

- January 14th: Fun Snack Jugo Juice (15th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms
- January 15th: Council Meeting 6:30-8pm (Principal Brent Banack from Wilma Hansen presented)
- January 21st: COSC Meeting 7-8:30pm at the Education Centre. Roundtable Discussion items were on the agenda: What is important to your school community, What creates community at your school and What are the most important topics for your school council. (Kym H attended in person)
- January 28th: Fun Lunch Little Caesars (29th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms.
- January: Winter online 50/50 raised \$293.48

February:

- February 6th: Council organized a Pizza Lunch for staff as part of our monthly gratitude gesture
- February 18th: Fun Lunch Chachi's (19th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- February 19th: Council meeting 6:30-8pm (Grade 2 team Presented)
- February 26th: Family Movie night 6-8pm with Zootopia 2 being shown. The movie was donated by Devon. \$10 per family to attend. \$935.90 was raised. 50/50 tickets were sold. \$267.50 was raised.
- Healthy Hunger: \$150.45

March:

- March 4th: Fun Snack Kernels (March 5th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms
- March 5th: Power Hour #1 was held in classrooms allowing students to learn new skills. Many parent volunteers helped out teachers so that the stations ran smoothly
- March 5th: Community Connections Roundtable meeting 7-8:30pm at Centennial High School (Kym H attended in person)
- March 12th: Power Hour #2 was held in classrooms allowing students to learn new skills. Many parent volunteers helped out teachers so that the stations ran smoothly
- March 13th: Pi Day fundraiser. The grade two teaching staff planned a fundraiser in support of the small playground project. Students and families donated money to Pi staff. \$2,632.50 was raised.
- March 16th: Scholastic Crates arrived for bookfair setup. Marcia, Samantha & Mrs. Fitz set up for the bookfair.
- March 18th: Fun Lunch Noodlebox (March 19th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- March 19th: Student Lead Conferences Council organized a dinner for the staff. Food and drinks were donated by parents for staff to enjoy.

- March 19 & 20th: Book Fair Parent volunteers/Marcia and Samantha worked shifts to make the book fair a great success. Net sales \$5,140. The school earned \$514 (10%) in product credit. Lower attendance attributed to long weekend and competing events. Fish Tank Fundraiser generated approximately \$225.
- March 19 & 20th: Bottle Drive Jessica organized a bottle drive. \$346.45 was raised.
- Healthy Hunger: \$332.19

April:

- April 2nd: Power Hour #3 was held in classrooms allowing students to learn new skills. Many parent volunteers helped out teachers so that the stations ran smoothly
- April 8th: Council meeting 6:30-8pm (Grade 4 Presented)
- April 8th: Fun Snack Jelly Modern Donut (April 9th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms
- April 9th: Power Hour #4 was held in classrooms allowing students to learn new skills. Many parent volunteers helped out teachers so that the stations ran smoothly
- April 13th-23rd: Sound Kreations Dance Residency. The students learned about HipHop and each class performed a HipHop routine at the spring performance on April 23rd.
- April 19th: Fun Lunch Edo Japan (April 20th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- April 22nd: COSC Meeting 7-8:30pm. Update on Class size and Complexity, 2026-2027 Budget Planning and Capital Planning for 2027-2030. (Kym H attended online meeting via Microsoft Teams)
- April 24th: Art Cards ordering deadline
- April 27th: Growing Smiles Fundraiser ordering deadline
- April 30th: Council hosted a Parent Engagement night (Hip Hop Yoga with Angie Lo) with our Education and Childcare grant money of \$500. We had refreshments for all to enjoy after the yoga class. 14 people in attendance
- Healthy Hunger: \$39.80

May:

- May 6th: Fun Snack Tim Hortons (May 7th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classroom
- May 7th: Council meeting 6:30-8pm (AGM)
- May 11th-14th Staff Appreciation week for staff. Kym and Miranda planned a week full of snacks, treats, drinks and lunch for staff to enjoy all week long. The school community donated all of the items that we listed on the signup genius including 37 gift cards. Every staff member received a gift card for a prize at the end of the week.
- May 12 & 13th: Growing Smiles Fundraiser Parent Volunteers helped sort and hand out orders to families.
- May 20th: Fun Lunch Opa (May 21st Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- May 21st: Stampede Breakfast 8:00-10:30am Parent Volunteers helped the Calgary stampede group.
- May 21st: Kindergarten orientation at 6:00pm Devon & Christy attended to represent council.
- May 27th: Goodbye Little Park Celebration 10am-1:30pm Parent Volunteers helped run five interactive outdoor stations.
- May 31st: Casino Fundraiser Where parent volunteers work am/pm shifts to raise money for the school.
- Healthy Hunger: \$ 125.47

June:

- June 1st: Casino Fundraiser Where parent volunteers work am/pm shifts to raise money for the school.
- June 3rd: Council Meeting 6:30-8pm (Grade 3 Presented)
- June 3rd: Fun Snack Booster Juice (June 4th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classroom
- June 8th: Patrol Picnic at Heritage Park Council supports this field trip for the Grade 5 students.

- June 17th: Fun Lunch Subway (June 18th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- June 23rd: School Farewell Assembly Council provided gifts to staff that are leaving Prince of Wales.
- June 23rd: Grade 4 celebration at Park96 Council provided a Costco Hotdog lunch for all students.
- June 24th: Grade 5/6 celebration. Which began with a beautiful ceremony at the school and following the assembly the students presented their legacy gift to the school - the legacy gift is a community little library to house children's books.
- June 26th: Sports Day the students traveled through multiple sports stations. Parent volunteers helped to support this activity. Freezies were donated by Jessica Aimer for all students.
- June 26th: Last day of classes

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June 2026