

Prince of Wales School, Calgary AB
Chair Annual Report, 2024-2025

Executive:

Principal	Shelly Gelfand
Assistant Principal	Poppy Johnson
Chair	Miranda Wu
First Vice-Chair	Devon Tamblyn
Second Vice-Chair	Christy Berscht
Treasurer	Jen Pedersen
Secretaries	Hannah Knibbs & Andrea Legault
Key Communicator	Andrea Legault

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	Hannah Knibbs
Safety & Wellness/ Terry Fox Committee	Jenn Zeleke
Outdoor Learning Space/ Playground Committee	Marcia Birkigt
Grade 6 Celebration Knight	Jen Pedersen, Jenn Zeleke, Jenn & Ryan Heagy, Mandy Campbell, Natalie Bertin, Kristi Chony and Sean
Grade 4 Celebration	Mandi Schollar
Lost & Found Committee	Jessica Aimer

2024-2025 School Council Meeting Dates:

September 18th, 2024
October 16th, 2024
November 21st, 2024
January 16th, 2025
February 26th, 2025
April 10th, 2025
May 8th, 2025
June 4th, 2025

August:

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

September:

- September 10th: Old Dutch Chip fundraiser \$1,371.85 forms went home on the 10th, were due back September 23
- September 12th: The welcome back family social was on September 12th from 5-6:30 pm with JRRR BBQ offering \$5 hotdog combo/\$2.50 for Individual hotdogs and \$3 for baked beans. Council also provided free ice cream cups and popsicles for families to enjoy. (This event was moved into the gym because of rain) 100 hotdog combos sold, additional 25 hotdogs sold separately, 15 beans sold. No profit on hotdogs. 192 ice cream cups/popsicles distributed with 44 cups leftover & 56 popsicles.
- September 13th: Terry Fox Run took place on September 13th. A granola bar and juice box per child were donated by a family from the school. Extra frozen treats we have will be given to the class who wins the most donations for Terry Fox.
- September 18th: First Council Meeting 6:30-8pm
- September 18 & 19th: Fun Lunch Subway (19th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- September 26th: School Picture Day where parent volunteers helped with bringing classes to and from the gym.

October:

- October 16th: Council meeting 6:30-8pm Grade 1 Team Presented
- October 16th & 17th: Fun Lunch COCO Brooks (17th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- October 21st: Old Dutch chip fundraiser pick up 2:00-6pm Volunteers helped parents carry out orders
- October 21 & 22: FitSet Ninja school residency paid for by Friends of Parkland Way and volunteers helped with the activities daily.
- October 23 & 24th: Casino Fundraiser where parent volunteers works am/pm shifts to raise money for the school. \$82,956.03 is the amount of funds the school received from the Casino Fundraiser.
- October 28th: Picture Retakes and Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten photos where parent volunteers helped with bringing classes to and from the gym.
- October 30th: Halloween Family Dance Tickets sold: 549, Pumpkin carving contest was well received and was a huge hit with families. We had door prizes, as well as prizes for contests throughout the night. This was a fundraising endeavor and \$521 was raised after all expenses.
- Healthy Hunger: \$277.01

November:

- November 6th: Fun Snack COBS (7th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms.
- November 20th: Fun Lunch IHop (21st Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms.
- November 21st: Council Meeting 6:30-8pm Kindergarten Team Presented
- November 28th: Parent/Teacher Conferences Hannah K organized a dinner for the staff. Food/drinks were donated by parents and council.
- November 28 & 29th: Book Fair Parent volunteers/Marcia and Samantha worked shifts to make the book fair a great success. \$5279.18 in sales.
- November 28 & 29th: Bottle Drive Jessica and Christy organized a bottle drive. \$284.40 was the amount raised.
- October/November: Grades 3/4 went to Open Minds Science School - 4 full weeks of learning at the Telus Spark with lots of help from parent volunteers to ensure each class was well supported.

December:

- December 2nd: The Christmas tree was set up in the Library by Leah & Miranda
- December 4th: Fun Snack Tim Hortons (Dec 5th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms.
- December 12th: Ice Melt Fundraiser forms went home \$25 per bag
- December 12th: Winter Fest is a school-run evening for families to come to the school and enjoy festive activities. Council paid for the cookies for the event (\$288.55 for 348 cookies. (29 Dozen)
- December 18th: Fun Lunch Mucho Burrito (19th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms.
- December 19th: Council provided popcorn for Movie Day for all classes and parent volunteers helped to make the popcorn and distribute.
- December 19th: Ice Melt Fundraiser Pickup day. One week turn around with 48 bags sold for a profit of \$494.90
- December 20th: The Christmas tree was taken down the last day of classes by Leah & Miranda
- Growing Smiles Fundraiser Winter arrangements. \$139.17 was the amount raised.

January:

- January 16th: Council Meeting 6:30-8pm Grade ¾ Presented
- January 21-23rd: The school hosted an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper and parent volunteers supported the school with walking classes back and forth to Fish Creek Park for teachings.
- January 29th: Fun Snack Saucy Bread Co. (30th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms
- Healthy Hunger: \$399.34

February:

- February 19th: Fun Lunch Chachi's (20th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- February 26th: 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
- February 26th: Council meeting 6:30-8pm Grade 2 team Presented (This meeting was hosted via teams only as per the CUPE strike)
- February 27th: Movie night Fundraiser postponed due to the strike

March:

- March 5th: 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 5th: Fun Snack Kernels (March 6th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms
- March 12th: 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
- March 18th: Fun Lunch Noodlebox (March 19th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- March 19th: 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
- March 20th: Spring Pictures
- March 20th/ 21st: Book Fair cancelled due to CUPE strike
- March: Mabel's Labels Fundraising \$60.20
- Healthy Hunger: \$177.08

April:

- April 9th: Fun Snack Cinnzeo (April 10th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classrooms
- April 10th: Council meeting 6:30-8pm Music & Grade 5/6 teams presented
- April 14th: Council hosted a Parent paint night with our Alberta Education grant money (\$500) We had 25 spots available for the event. We saw many new faces and everyone who attended really enjoyed the evening.
- April 23rd: Fun Lunch Edo (April 24th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- April/May: Grade 1s went to Stampede School - 3 weeks of learning with lots of help from parent volunteers to support the teachers daily.
- Healthy Hunger: \$32.15

May:

- May 7th: Fun Snack Booster Juice (May 8th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classroom
- May 8th: Council meeting 6:30-8pm (AGM)
- May 12th-15th Staff Appreciation team planned a week of activities for staff with meals, treats, and drinks for staff to enjoy all week long. We managed to have one gift card for every staff member at the school for the end of the week prizes.
- May 15th: Movie Night (rescheduled from February) Volunteers helped pop popcorn and bag up orders. There were 82 families in attendance and we raised \$486 in donations. \$1100 for profit. 50/50 we made \$280.
- May 21st: Fun Lunch Opa (May 22nd Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- May 22nd: Kindergarten orientation at 6:00pm (Miranda & Devon attended to represent council)
- Healthy Hunger: \$137.34

June:

- June 4th: Council Meeting 6:30-8pm
- June 4th: Fun Snack Kernels (June 5th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver treats into classroom
- June 5th: Patrol picnic at Heritage Park
- June 13th: Sports Day the students traveled through multiple sports stations. Parent volunteers helped to support this activity and the council provided Freezies for all students.
- June 18th: Fun Lunch Subway (June 19th Kindergarten) parents help sort and deliver lunches into classrooms
- June 24th: Grade 3/4 celebration at Park96. Freezies donated by a grade 4 family.
- June 25th: Council presented Shelly Gelfand the school principal for the past six years with a retirement gift from council (A framed principal image and a bouquet of flowers)
- June 25th: Grade 6 celebration (the graduation of 10 Grade 6 students. Which began with a beautiful ceremony at the school, made even more special as it was Mrs. Gelfand's final assembly before her retirement. Following the assembly the students presented their legacy gift to the school: a custom floor mat for the front office featuring the Prince of Wales emblem)
- June: Council sent home paper copies of the New Prince of Wales school council new letter to inform families of the year recap of council activities.

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