**  
OP School Council**

**January 20, 2025 @ 3:45 pm**

**Location: OP Library or via Google Meet (fbc-fpcn-wcv) -** [**Join Here**](https://meet.google.com/fbc-fpcn-wcv)

*Children Welcome*

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**Land Acknowledgement**As we begin, I would like to recognize the land we are on. To the South of the Red Deer River is Treaty Seven and the land that our school resides on, North of the Red Deer River is on Treaty Six. Red Deer is located on ground that was traditionally used by the Blackfoot, Stoney and Cree people. They would come to this area for hunting and trading. The Metis people also traded along the Red Deer River. It is important that we recognize and give thanks for the use of this land.

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1. **Call to Order**

3:46 pm

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

1st - Melissa

2nd - Heather

**3. Approval of Minutes**

[OP School Council - December 16, 2024](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GWlUDQGd-tFdhm2DfnVLMoxheuyN7hPEarddF6PgVkc/edit?usp=sharing)

1st - heather

2nd - Melissa

**4. New Business:**

* **Trustee Report** – Cathy Peacocke - Not Present
* Guests in attendance: Corrine Thorsteinson, Mike McCorquindale (Principal Annie L. Gaetz & Stephanie)
* **Principal's Report** – Ryan Kure
  + [Report](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Zu1W_KKhksp3pZIDAGZWzoX_iXngqSbg4HyegRDeZFA/edit%23slide=id.g314e0f5599f_0_0)
    - Highlights from the report
      * Carla reported on the success of the hampers that were delivered during the winter break. 13 families received support with donations from the school council, victory church and others. Gifts included Christmas eve baskets to connect families, food, bike helmets and locks.
    - School Assemblies are back and each class will take turns leading
    - Swimming program in the spring. discussion surrounding if this is important for our families. Feedback was that it is creating opportunities for kids. Questions about swimming and spring concerts to gather some information will be sent to parents at the end of the school year.
    - Pathways program - Motion to the floor table to buy a chair for pathways program - vote - first: Melissa - second: Chelsea.
* **Chairs Report** – Sona Macnaughton
  + [Financial Report](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/4/d/12Ih0AqgGFMwDa4cv_pdDN1RSSp_19CQ1Sj7GxedyL7k/edit)
  + Fundraisers
    - Snowball Dance Silent Auction Update
    - Bottle Drive Update $734
    - Hot Lunch Update
  + Social Events
    - Planning Upcoming Events

**5. Starting a Society - Guest Speakers (4:15 pm):**

**6.** Guest speakers from Annie L. Gaetz School will discuss their school council society, advise on how to start a society, and answer any related questions.

* Presentation on how to build a fundraising society by Annie L Gaetz
  + Pros: how much you can rase
  + cons: lots of communication, documentation and clear roles are required
  + Start Federally auto register and then work your way down. ASCA can help with direction and the process.
  + You need by-laws and should have them before you start the process
  + Need a bank account
  + You need a special meeting for the chair positions and then it can take 12-18 months to incorporate
  + Must complete yearly tax return
  + Must complete a yearly audit (this can be done by a volunteer but cannot be on your board)
  + Once you are incorporated you can apply for aglc number and can get on the 3 year list for a casino
    - your use of proceeds must have a plan and be used within 3 years
    - must be items that are for the whole school to benefit from and can’t be transportation
  + Fundraising ideas
    - They have the donate to a friend hot lunch button
    - they also build relationships with vendors and some will donate a certain amount of meals every year
  + We need insurance
    - Sona is going to review if we are covered by ASCA
    - Melissa and Andrea to get quotes after that

**7. Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant**

Eligible [Learning Opportunities](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/191114):

* + *School Council Purpose:*  January 29 at 7 pm or May 5 at 7 pm
  + *Effective Engagement in Your School Community:* February 10 at 7 pm or March 31 at 7 pm
  + *Tools for Effective School Councils:* February 25 at 7 pm
  + *The Work of School Council: It’s NOT About the Meeting:* March 12 at 7 pm or May 20 at 7 pm
  + *Managing School Council Meetings:* Available only by request.
  + *Chair Basics: Not just for Chairs!:* Available only by request.

**8. City-Wide Update** – The January meeting was a drop-in Agency Fair, held at the Red Deer Public Central Services Office, that featured community agencies that play a vital role in supporting the education and well-being of RDPSD students and families. The next meeting is scheduled for March.

**9. Round Table –** Questions, comments, and ideas for the school year

**10. Next Meeting(s)**

* **Oriole Park School Council**
  + Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 3:45 pm
* **City Wide - District School Council** 
  + March 11, 2025 @ 7:00-8:30 pm - Westpark Middle School, 3310 55 Avenue
  + May 13, 2025 @ 7:00-8:30 pm - Glendale School, 6375 77 Street

**11. Adjournment 5:04pm**