

**Parkside Junior High School Council Meeting**  
**January 22, 2025**

**Attendance:**

Nina Ruddock- Vice President  
Alissa Gertner- Secretary  
Shauna VanderSpruit- Trustee

Janet Kraft- Vice Principal  
Pam Cursons- Trustee  
Allyson Deis- Teacher

Nina Ruddock called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The agenda was approved by Nina Ruddock and seconded by Alissa Gertner. Shauna moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Nina seconded the motion.

**Reports:**

**Administration- Janet Kraft**

Basketball is underway, all teams are doing well. "A" Boys Basketball Team is going to zones. The ski trip was undersubscribed and was therefore cancelled.

The Go-Girls Resiliency and Self-Esteem Program is starting on Monday. The program will be for 10-12 girls.

PJs for a Purpose is being promoted for a sports themed room on the Pediatric Unit at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital. The cost is \$5. The date for this Feb 7th, this will coincide with the school trip to see the production of Willy Wonka. It now costs \$360 to take 4 buses to the Esplanade.

**Teacher Report- Allyson Deis**

Grade 7 and 8 Physical Education classes are participating in basketball and doing 10 minute runs, there is overall improvement in run times. Some Parkside athletes are in Running Club. A gift card was used as a motivator to get students involved. There was better participation before the winter months.

**Trustee Report- Shauna VanderSpruit and Pam Cursons**

Shauna encouraged reading the e-mails sent out by Angela Baron, each school newsletter is available in her posted emails. Recently Mr. Raible, a new principal did a presentation at the Prairie Rose meeting. Nicole Neubauer presented on the Ag Program. Tammy Toews presented on Human Resources. Greg Goddard, Prairie Rose School Psychologist, presented regarding trending youth mental health challenges, anxiety remains at the forefront. The FSLW staff are now referred to as SWC (Student Wellness Counsellors). There is a new locally developed course, Introduction to Educational Assistant, coming to Eagle Butte. Prairie Rose purchased 38 buses and has 87 bus routes currently.

A date was set for the next meeting, February 26 @ 6:30pm.

Alissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nina seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

**Friends of Parkside**  
**January 22 @ 7:05**

**Attendance:**

Alissa Gertner- Secretary  
Nina Ruddock- Vice President

No meeting was held due to lack of attendance/quorum. Nina will ask to have Dara McKim added to the Friends of Parkside Facebook Group to ensure all members are aware of meeting times. Nina and Alissa discussed strategies to sell cookbooks, 160 books have been sold out of 300. Suggestions were made to set up a table at Fine Arts Night to sell books and perhaps other events coming up at the school. This will be discussed next meeting.

A date was set for the next meeting February 26, 2025 following the Parkside Junior High School Council Meeting.