

Sunnyside School Council
March 8th, 2018

Attendees: Sharon Rutledge, Andrea Klassen, Tina Duncan, Ali Schneider, Mel Jones, Amy Hass, Jen

Call to order: 3:51pm

1. Additions and approval of agenda:
 - Motion to approve agenda made by Amy, Seconded by Mel, passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes from January 11th meeting:
 - Motion to approve minutes from January 11th meeting made by Andrea, seconded by Amy, passed unanimously.
3. Principal's Report:
 - Tornado Hunter came to the School on March 2nd. Chris Chittik presented footage from his TV show where he films various storms across North America.
 - Student led conferences were well attended in Feb. Parents will receive report cards on March 16th.
 - Scholastic Book Fair was the most successful it's ever been and our library has received dozens of books as a result. Added several award winning books and will be launching a book club for gr. 4-6 next week.
 - Learning commons continues to evolve and become a more intentional space learners. Virtual reality glasses will be added in the next few weeks.
 - Easter break begins on March 26th. The extended break will continue in 2018/2019 however parents should expect to receive a survey about their preference for the 2019/2020 school year.
 - Leadership Market is being planned for students to give back to the community. More info to follow.
4. School Board Report: Sharon Rutledge
Sunnyside School Council Meeting Feb 08, 2018 (cancelled due to weather)
TRUSTEE REPORT
The new Palliser School Board for 2017 - 2021:
Robert Strauss re-elected as Board Chair (Vulcan country west)
Debbie Latusus elected as Vice-Chair (Town of Coaldale)
Kristine Cassie elected as alternate Vice-Chair
4 Newly Elected Trustees:
Don Boras (Picture Butte and area including Iron Springs)
Lorelei Bexte (Vulcan County east including Arrowwood, Milo & Champion)
Kristine Cassie (Coalhurst, Nobleford & Barons)
Sharon Rutledge (south end of County outside the City of Leth & Town of Coaldale)
Oct 01, 2017 New Superintendent Dave Driscoll
Nov 20, 2017 New Secretary-Treasurer Dexter Durfey (Wayne Brown retired)
October 2018 a Stakeholder Meeting is being planned.
The Board felt it would give all new elected people more time to gain better insight and experience of School Board matters. At last Board meeting (Jan 23/18) David Shaw the Transportation

Supervisor gave a report. There are 85 buses in the Palliser Region with an average age of 8.7 years. Palliser has purchased 7 new buses this year.

Palliser operates 58 daily routes, transporting 1,778 students per day and travelling over 1.8 million kilometers per year.

The dept. operates 2 repair facilities, 1 in Leth & 1 in Vulcan staffed by 4 full time mechanics , and 1 mechanic apprentice.

The province mandates that all school buses are safety inspected twice a year.

All regular route drivers have completed “S” endorsement training & must keep their first aid training up to date.

Palliser was accident free in 2017. The “Think of Us on the Bus” campaign continues for the sixth year with continued support from our law enforcement partners.

Palliser purchased 10 additional camera systems this year, giving us a total of 40 camera units. .

Each of the 10 units has 2 internal & 2 external cameras complete with microphones. Should issues arise, a camera unit can be moved to another bus.

The pre-school students that we transport continue to put a strain on some of our routes. We have a minimum age of 4 years to travel on our buses & only pre-school students that have older siblings currently ride the bus.

** There is no random Drug & Alcohol Testing (against Human Rights) However, suspicions of or in case of an accident, testing is required. Also, age discrimination laws allows older drivers to continue driving. At the Board meeting we had an Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) report. Palliser Regional Schools OH&S goals are to provide a safe & comfortable environment for all its students & employees as well as remain compliant with current OH&S legislation.

The Public School Works (PSW) Safety Program sends out courses, at present 15 required courses for all new employees and 6 are updated each year.

Safety drills (fire & lockdown) are established tasks in PSW, as well as, a monthly safety checklist sent to all caretakers & must be completed & recorded.

This includes things like fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, eyewash stations & exit light inspections.

In the spring of 2017, the OH&S Coordinator completed health & safety inspections of all Division owned sites.

A written report was submitted to each principal. OH&S Coordinator reviews every school injury incident online to see what has happened and what, if anything, we can do to prevent any injury to our staff or students.

This past year we have added 18 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) This has ensured we have at least one in each school. Signs have been posted in schools for AED, Fire Extinguishers and Eye Wash Stations.

All reachable asbestos covered heating piping was removed from our division owned schools this year.

OH&S has a draft division wide “Working Alone Policy” and a new draft “Science Classroom Safety Manual” that we hope to implement this year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING March 08, 2018

At the last Board Meeting (Feb 27/18)

Adam Browning and Hali Heavy Shield shared a Blanket Exercise with Trustees & central office staff.

Scrolls and artifacts were passed out to the group.

Participants stood on blankets in the middle of the floor and experienced 500 years of Aboriginal culture.

As each piece of history unfolded, the participants became involved very emotionally as the reality of disease, starvation, residential schools, and native reserves became the norm.

At the end of the exercise, each participant was asked to share their experience.

The new 2018-2019 school calendars (3 base calendars) were approved.

Schools may tweak the calendars with approval from Central Office.

Jason Kupery will insure the hours of instruction are met before individual calendars can be adjusted.

The new policy for Inclement Weather was approved as of March 1, 2018. In essence, when school buses are not running, schools are closed.

A draft of the Policy 16: Safe & Caring Learning Environment was presented which ensures the rights of the GSA students in our school settings.

The new draft proposals will be sent to Alberta Education for input.

Reports submitted by Sharon Rutledge School Trustee

5. Old Business

- None

6. New Business

- None

Adjournment: Amy motioned to adjourn, Andrea seconded. 4:10pm

Next Meeting: April 12th, 2018