

Sunnyside School Council
Minutes of September 4, 2014

Attendees: Connie, Jill, Esther W., Alix H., Amy R. Cindee N.,

Call to Order 3:45 pm

1. Agenda
Motion to approve agenda moved by Alix, seconded by Jill, passed unanimously
2. Approval of Minutes for June 19, 2014
Motion to approve minutes moved by Amy, Seconded by Jill, passed unanimously
3. Principal's Report
 - a) Connie worked on the school website over the summer to make things more accessible and easier to navigate. There will be a spot for newsletter's, school council reports, as well as a spot to report absent/sick days without having to call into the school. She is going to work with the teachers to post blog's on the website. Any suggestions or comments are welcome.
 - b) Lot's of renovations were done over the summer. A new walkway/sidewalk was poured around the front of the school and ends. The preschool stairs were rebuilt, hallway's in the school were repainted and new lights were installed.
 - c) School goals were worked on as a staff and PAT results were looked at. No Grade 3 PAT will be done, but replaced with SLA (student learning assessments) instead. This year is a pilot year for the Grade 5, Grade 6 will still do PAT's.
 - d) Palliser requires from the schools to have goals set in the following three areas:
 - Literacy – improve reading instruction
 - Assessment – students know what and why they are learning
 - Safe & Learning -
The staff will take part in the "Leader in Me" Steven Covey program in Jan 2015. They will join up with Jennie Emery and are very excited as this will tie in with the Safe & Learning goal.
 - e) School numbers have increased this year. There are 98 kids (121 with the ELP). The school is up 25 kids this year (16 kids left last year).
 - f) Leanna Santangelo is the new assistant in the ELP & kindergarten classrooms this year. Mr. Van Cleave is teaching all the gym classes and Mrs. Adserballe is teaching the Gr. ¾ LA class.
 - g) With the new LA room, the grade 3, 4, 5, 6 classes will be having lunch in the gym and so far it is working well.
4. School Board Report
Initial Board Meeting was held. There is not much new information yet. Fundraising was discussed, and the board reminded that they need to be open about how funding works in Palliser. Site based vs. needs based
5. Old Business
Playground Update
Committee is formed, they have been meeting and need to hire a grant writer. Cindee suggested they take a look at the Barnwell playground.

Meet the teacher Night – Wed, Sept 10
Alix to send out a letter with committees to give people time to think about them. Start at 6:30 with the K, 1 & 2 presentations first and the 6:45 will have the ¾ & 5/6 classes meet the teachers

Homecoming SockHop – Fri, Sept 19
This will take place starting after school on Friday about 12:30.
6. New Business
School Council Meetings
School Council Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the school at 3:45 pm
7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 4:26 p.m. moved by Alix, seconded by Cindee, passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 9th, 2014 at 3:45pm