

Sunnyside School Council

February 5, 2020

In Attendance: Connie Adserballe, Amy Hass, Mel Jones, Krysta MacBeth, Sharon Rutledge, Hayley Elford, Jesse Martens, Rana Koopmans, Erin Malamas

Call to Order: 2:20 pm

1. Additions and Approval of Agenda:

- Approved by Connie, Seconded by Amy

2. Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2019 meeting:

- Approved by Amy, Seconded by Connie

3. **Principal's Report:**

- Turkey dinner was a big success! It was a wonderful way to bring Sunnyside staff and students together.
- Christmas Angel Tree: 100+ gifts donated by the school--the goal was 20!
- January- AB Health: Get Outside and Move. 90% of students participated in the Winter Warrior Challenge. Each month SSS will follow a different theme from AHS.
- The Assembly at the end of January had a power point presentation "What we love about winter" and it was a wonderful way to see the students using their imagination, and explain why they love winter.
- Connie Adserballe, Andrea Klassen and Mona Slusar attended a conference in Lake Louise with Ever Active Schools. Connie presented

on how Sunnyside School is reimagining recess. Some of the universities that attended are very interested in what Sunnyside is doing to get the children moving outside and the activities in place.

- Wellness Room: a place where students can sit in a quiet place and read is in the works.
- Outdoor space- ideas are appreciated on what we can do to improve a learning area for the students.

4. School Board Report:

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International Student Program Report by Tom Hamer

Hosted International Students to date is 186 compared to 2018-2019 of 207 with students from Colombia, Japan, Chile and Brazil. Palliser's focus in the future is recruiting students from Ukraine, Germany, Austria, Spain and Italy.

Facilities Services Supervisor Report by Rod Swartzenberger

Rod's team have had 1,490 service requests from schools for schoolyards improvements, installation of technology and maintenance projects. The new Huntsville School construction has been delayed due to weather, but are working hard to get back on schedule.

Annual Education Results Report by Tom Hamer

Palliser continues to do extremely well on standardized tests, with the exception of First Nations, Metis and Inuit students.

Early Learning Report by Nathan Sillito

The Early Learning Program and Program Unit Funding (PUF) have shown to be a great asset to future learning of these students. A new Early Childhood Framework has been released

teaching educators the importance of outdoor play, as well as the Hanen Teacher Talk training which shows how to speak and play with young children to support language development.

Occupational Health and Safety Report by Mark Stolte

His team has done full site safety inspections of 12 schools, including colony schools, with 38 left to inspect. All Palliser owned schools were tested for lead contamination in the drinking water. The

federal govt. reduced the acceptable lead levels by half, and all schools met those new guidelines.

An incident reporting system for student aggression towards staff has been developed and employees are being urged to file reports ASAP to track incidents and implement corrective measures.

Transportation Services Report by David Shaw

Four more buses have been equipped with video cameras as well as some buses trying out Global Positioning Systems which provide early diagnosis of mechanical problems and tracks bus idling times which incurs more gas expenses.

Financial Update by Secretary Treasurer Dexter Durfey

Palliser will have a deficit of about 1.5 million by the end of the fiscal year attributed to insurance costs of \$817,000, and shortfall in provincial funding of more than \$820,000.

A surplus of about \$200,000 in the Board and administration budget helped to reduce the deficit. Mr. Durfey is working with all depts. to find efficiencies to balance budget.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020

5. Old Business:

- Health Champions committee has been established. Stay tuned for ideas

6. New Business:

- Grade 4-6 students had surveys mailed to parents. This a celebration of what Sunnyside is doing in academics and among other areas. They are to be filled out and mailed or you can submit it online.
- The 20/21 school calendar has been drafted.

7. Bouquets:

Rana Koopmans and MaryBeth Douglas, for their hard work for the turkey dinner

The staff and students of Sunnyside School, for their hard work on the Christmas Concert

Jason and Simon from the Palliser I.T. department for setting up the livestream for the Christmas Concert.

Adjournment: 3:24

Next meeting March 4, 2020