

**Sunnyside School Council
Minutes of November 13, 2014**

Attendees: Connie Adserballe, Amy Hass, Cindee Nyrose, Tara Vucurevich, Alix Hirsche, Jill McIntyre, Crystal Smith, Amy Rombough, Esther Willms

Call to Order 3:46 pm

1. Agenda
Motion to approve agenda moved by Cindee, seconded by Amy H, passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes for November 13, 2014
Motion to approve minutes moved by Amy R, seconded by Jill, passed unanimously.
3. Principal's Report
 - a) The school is busy preparing for the Christmas concert. The final practice is on Monday Dec 15th with the dress rehearsal on Tuesday Dec 16th and the concert taking place on Wednesday Dec 17th with two performances at 1:30 & 7:00 pm. The ELP concert is Thursday Dec 11th in the evening.
 - b) Mrs. Wolsey has taken a leave and Mrs. Hudey will be replacing her.
 - c) There was another request for gravel for the parking lot which may or may not be able to be filled.
 - d) Dave Shaw at Palliser is going to review the Busing travel times. Right now the school is short on the # of stops needed to allow for a 3rd bus which is creating long travel times for the kids.
 - e) The parking issues in the parking lots were monitored for a couple of weeks and it was determined that the traffic was busy but not unmanageable. In times of large school events the fence on the south end of the school will be opened to allow some parking in there.
 - f) Wittfit balls were purchased for the classrooms and should be here in the New Year.
 - g) There are 2 new families at Sunnyside – 1 has started and 1 more will start in January. Overall, Sunnyside is up 27 kids from last year.
4. School Board Report – Esther Willms
 - a) Organizational Meeting was held on Nov. 25 with Colleen Dietz and Don Zech being returned as Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - b) Dale Backlin will be retiring at the end of June and is in a transitioning period until then with some of his duties being redistributed amongst other staff – a search is ongoing for his replacement.
 - c) Audited financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2014 were presented with Palliser's financial position being positive at the end of that school year (I would encourage you to read the Board Highlights on the website for a quick update on how some surplus funds will be spent as well as having a look at the approved 2014-15 budget posted online)
 - d) School reviews and school goals sessions are ongoing
 - e) GSA's have been in the limelight recently – Ryan Brennan, principal at Heritage, was interviewed by CBC regarding this issue and responded eloquently as to how all children need to feel safe and supported in every school
 - f) Book Week 2015 Writing contest open to students from grades 4 through 12 provides the opportunity for a student from each grade to win a \$250 gift certificate from the bookstore of his/her choice for submitting poetry or prose, fiction or non-fiction (check out Palliser News Flash)
 - g) PBHS (Picture Butte) launched a media course – students will be able to document priceless local history in ultra high definition thanks to partnership with Prairie Tractor and Engine Museum Society and Coyote Flats Pioneer Village
 - h) All things Christmas are taking place in the schools – hope to get to many of them.
 - i) Merry Christmas!!! Happy 2015!!!
5. Old Business
 - Playground Update
The CFAB grant left on Tuesday Dec 9th, the deadline is Dec 15th. Early in the New Year we should hear back. Everything else is ticking along and in place and on track.
 - Religious Program
The program will start in the New Year. Forms will go out before holidays start. Literacy will be planned for the school and then students, who wish to, can opt in to join in the Religious Program.

6. **New Business**
Christmas Dinner
Next Week the school will have Turkey Dinner. Decorating and the Food Pick up is ready and handled

Santa for Christmas Concert
There is a Santa Booked and Ready!

Blast Program
There were some inquiries and discussion and this may need to be re-visited in the New Year.
7. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 4:28 p.m. moved by Alix, seconded by Amy H, passed unanimously.
Next meeting: Thursday, January 15th, 2015 at 3:45pm