

Sunnyside School Council
September 22nd 2016

Attendees: Alix Hirshe, Amy Hass, Connie Adserballe, Tina Duncan, Mel Jones, Andrea Klassen, Stacy Froese, Xiumei Yu, Weiquan Zhao

Call to order: 3:50

1. Additions and approval of agenda:

-Motion to approve agenda made by Amy, Seconded by Connie, passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 9th, 2016 meeting:

-Motion to approve minutes made by Alix, seconded by Amy, passed unanimously.

3. Principal's Report:

a) Great start to a new year with the newly built playground opening.

b) All staff are in place for each grade, with a 5/6 combined class.

c) Enrollment is down this year with 113 students.

d) On Fridays until Oct 14 we will have Flex Fridays that include practicing the 7 Habits, along with dance Fridays. All students doing something together. On October 14 we will begin our small groups. Here are some of the options for the groups.

-Religion (whole year)

-7th Habit, Sharpening the Saw (balance)

- Extensions from the curriculum (ie-sports, knitting, beads, wellness)

With the exception of Religion these groups will change every 3 weeks until May when we will go back to Flex Fridays.

4. School Board Report: Esther Willms

a) First board meeting was Aug. 23

Elections –Chair: Robert Strauss, Vice Chair: Debbie Laturus, Alternate: Craig Whitehead

b) Division wide school opening- Sept 1, in Vulcan. Wall of Fame inductee Blaine Chronik spoke to the fact that this particular honour and recognition was special as it was so unexpected

c) First day of classes- Sept 6 with apx 8100 students. Down from last year.

d) A number of Brazilian students attending Palliser High Schools this fall.

e) Board looking at options for handling volunteers' Criminal Record Checks.

f) Board is working to ensure policies are up to date. Some areas need clarifying and input from stakeholders is welcomed.

g) Sheldon Kennedy documentary will be released in November at the Yates. Palliser is part of the group spearheading an advocacy center for southern Alberta (services for kids exposed to a variety of abuse situations) and recommend watching at its release.

h) Lockdown procedures were discussed. Thoughts of moving to a 3 tier system.

1. Lockdown

2. Hold and Secure

3. Secure in place

i) Organizational review to be completed by end of October -Superintendent is on paid leave and unassigned duties until review is complete.

1. Panel will present complete report to board hopefully Nov 1 or 8

2. Panel will provide Executive Summary that will be made public on our website at that time.
3. Council of Councils is postponed from Oct. 13 to late Nov. to address review. Public encouraged to check policies online and come prepared to ask questions and provide feedback.

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business

- Elections of new School Council
 - a) Mel Jones – Treasurer
 - b) Tina Duncan- Secretary
- Andrea motioned to approve, Connie seconded, Passed unanimously
- Summary of last year's accomplishments
 - Sept 30 will be submitted to Palliser
- School Goals
 - Big focus on writing and improving writing, with a secondary goal on reading and a plan in place for advancement.
 - Writing will be collected at the beginning of the year and at the end to serve as a point of reference of improvement.
 - Will be studying Lucy Calkins Units of Writing, as well as testing to determine whether students are on track or need improvement.

Adjournment: 4:20

Next Meeting: October 13th, 2016