

Sunnyside School Council
November 7th, 2018

Attendees: Connie Adserballe, Mel Jones, Amy Hass, Andrea Klassen, Ali Schneider, Tina Duncan, Sharon Rutledge, Emily Boehme

Call to order: 2:17pm

1. Additions and approval of agenda:
 - Approved by Connie, seconded by Amy, passed unanimously
2. Approval of minutes from Oct 11th 2018:
 - Approved by Connie, seconded by Sharon, passed unanimously
3. Principal's Report:
 - Parent Teacher Interviews will be held the week of the 18th
 - Feedback from teachers is that as the time allotment has gone to 10 min, the younger grades could have used more time.
 - Next year, those that need extra time can allot for it.
 - 98% of parents were met with.
 - Report card will be out at the end of November.
 - Remembrance Day Service will be held tomorrow.
 - Last minute change, the gentleman who normally prays is ill so 3 students from school will step in.
4. School Board Report: Sharon Rutledge

****The September 30 enrollment figures are now sitting at 8,494 students, up 199 from last year. Of those additional students, 120 of them are kindergarten students, and the rest international students.**

****Trustees will be provided with an update at the Dec. Board Meeting of the plans and cost estimates of the work needed of the faltering plumbing, heating and cooling systems at the Palliser Education Centre, as well as where the funding will come from to pay for it.**

****In a follow-up meeting of support for the Dominica Project, following their catastrophic hurricane in 2017, Palliser will explore ways of helping out by providing storage for third party donated technology and putting project organizers in contact with Palliser partners to offer their support in various ways.**

****David Shaw, Transportation Services Supervisor, outlined the process that goes into the decision to cancel bus service due to inclement weather, on a route-by-route or division-wide basis. He personally is on the roads by 5:00 a.m. & by 5:45 a.m. a decision to cancel or delay a route is made community by community. Also, the bus driver may cancel the route when weather conditions warrant it. Contact is then made to the Superintendent to cancel school and a phone fan out system is utilized to contact staff, parents and the community. When school is closed a staff member will still go to the school to ensure that if a student arrives he/she will be returned home safely.**

****The Board passed a motion** to have administration **apply for a modular classroom at Sunnyside School** to alleviate a space crunch in the fall of 2019 with a combined Gr 5-6 class of 43 students.

Superintendent Dave Driscoll explained the province looks at requests each year and decides which will be approved. The modulars built are state of the art and a really good learning space. If approved, Palliser would be responsible for the cost of transporting and putting it in place, usually a price tag of about \$50,000 with the remainder of the cost covered by the Alberta Govt.

****A meeting was held on Tuesday, Oct. 16 with Palliser representation and the Town of Coaldale Councilors to update information on the Coaldale Solution of future overcrowding in the schools.**

****In a response to the "Coaldale Solution", a Value Scoping Study was held on October 25 and 26 in Coaldale. The 2 day sessions were attended by invited participants from Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, Tech Cost Consulting, FWBA Architects, Palliser Administration, Coaldale Trustees, Lethbridge County, and Principals, Vice-principals, one Teacher and the School Council Chair from each of the Coaldale Schools including Sunnyside School.**

After much discussion of modernization vs. new school options, the consensus was in favor of a new school Grades 7-12 with capacity of 800 students with the Town of Coaldale building a new recreation center on the same site west & adjacent to Coaldale. With minor renovations to JEES (K-3) and RIB (4-6) the proposal will be presented to Alberta Education with hopes of being approved in April 2019. If approved, the new school will be completed in Sept 2022 - Jan 2023 at an estimated cost of \$36 million.

5. Old Business

- School Goals/ AERR plan
Final draft presented for Input.
 - Last chance to weigh in on the 3 year plan (draft)
 - 1st Goal: Oral Language Skills (Literacy)
Apply literacy skills
Critical thinking
Strategies: student wide survey, teacher reflection
 - 2nd Goal: Numeracy
Improve skills
Jump math was implemented in Grades K-6
Goal is that 100% of students are at grade level
 - 3rd Goal: Students build community and sense of belonging.
Wellness Friday
Representatives from AHS, FSLC leading workshops on healthy relationships, self-regulation, and enhancing a culture of wellness

6. New Business

- Christmas Concert (Dec 19th)
 - Kindergarten will be at school Wednesday instead of Thursday this week
 - 2 performances. 1:30pm and 6:30pm (Kindergarten will not attend evening)
- Wellness Friday update:
 - There was no Bible Story time this session for gr. 4-6

- Selk family will again be doing the hayride through the schoolyard on the last day of school.
- Health Champions:
 - Writing goals (bringing forth at the next meeting)
 - Emphasis on social and emotional learning.

Adjournment: 3:15pm

Next Meeting: December 5th, 2018 (2:15)