

Sunnyside School Council
December 5th, 2018

Attendees: Ken Van Cleave, Mel Jones, Amy Hass, Andrea Klassen, Ali Schneider, Tina Duncan, Sharon Rutledge

Call to order: 2:17pm

1. Additions and approval of agenda:
 - Approved by Amy, seconded by Tina, passed unanimously
2. Approval of minutes from Nov 7th 2018:
 - Approved by Amy, seconded by Sharon, passed unanimously
3. Principal's Report:
 - Report cards went home on the 30th
 - Teachers had a PD day on the 13th and explored new implementation of curriculum of reading and writing.
 - ELP-new assistant, Shannon Trechka. Started Nov. 30th
 - Skating Field Trips have been booked. Each grade will go twice in January.
 - Rehearsals are underway for the Christmas production.
 - Turkey Dinner is planned and caroling in the afternoon.
 - Hayride will take place on the last day before break (provided by Selk family) as well as parties and wellness activities.
4. School Board Report: Sharon Rutledge

*****Annual Education Results Report**

Associate Superintendent Tom Hamer provided highlights of Palliser Regional Schools' Annual Education Results Report for 2017-2018 and the Three Year Plan for 2018 to 2021.

The report looks at data supplied by Ab. Education's annual accountability Pillar survey of students, staff and parents and outlines Palliser's plans to address areas of concern. Mr. Hamer told the Board that instead of Central Office telling schools what changes need to be made, the focus will now be offering support to develop the capacity of school leaders to make good decisions for their students. This includes ongoing professional development opportunities for staff, and a greater focus on staff and student wellness as well as enhancing student leadership.

*****School Calendar Draft**

The Board viewed a draft of the 2019-2020 school calendar. In an effort to customize calendars to best meet the needs of students, parents and staff, Deputy Superintendent Mike Nightingale indicated the draft will now be shared with various stakeholders for their input and possible changes before being brought back to the Board for approval in February.

*****Planning Priorities for Capital Projects**

Secretary Treasurer Dexter Durfey presented a draft of Palliser's three-year capital plan and its 10 year planning priorities.

He said a solution to school needs in Coaldale remains Palliser's highest priority, with a proposal for a new high school and grade configuration submitted to the province. Following, in order of priority, is County Central High School in Vulcan, the combined needs of students at both Coalhurst High and Coalhurst Elementary schools; and then Sunnyside School.

Mr. Durfey told the Board that plans call for every school in Palliser to be examined similarly over the next few months to further determine future needs.

*****Bus Trip to Strathmore**

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, the Town of Coaldale councillors invited Palliser representatives to view a new school attached to a recreation centre in the town of Strathmore. The George Freeman School opened in Sept. 2018 (K-8) with 500 students with the recreation centre opening in Jan 2019.

*****Grand Re-opening of Noble Central School in Nobleford on Nov. 15, 2018**

The modernized 2 storey school cost 8 million dollars and took 2 years to build. The front entrance was enlarged, classroom windows were made larger and sliding glass doors in the lower level allow added space to classrooms when needed. It is a great addition to our Palliser school system, and offers a safe and positive learning experience for students.

Next Board Meeting is on Dec. 11, 2018

5. Old Business

- None

6. New Business

- Extended Easter Break (Sunnyside Days)
 - In order to keep this break a survey will be sent out to parents. Majority of votes will determine if this break is kept or not.

Adjournment: 2:34pm

Next Meeting: February 6th, 2019 (2:15)