

Sunnyside School Council
February 6th, 2019

Attendees: Mel Jones, Amy Hass, Andrea Klassen, Connie Adserballe, Sharon Rutledge
Jen Hendrick

Call to order: 2:22pm

1. Additions and approval of agenda:
 - Approved by Mel, seconded by Amy, passed unanimously
2. Approval of minutes from Dec 5th 2018:
 - Approved by Connie, seconded by Amy, passed unanimously
3. Principal's Report:
 - Turkey dinner & Hayride were a hit
 - Christmas Concert went well
 - Winter Wellness day (skating, ice cream making, fire pit), grade 6 ski trip to celebrate winter.
 - Spring Wellness day coming (seasonally) dress for the weather
 - Exploring adding more outdoor centres (15 min learning outdoors), no sitting for more than an hour.
 - Connie is attending a 2 day workshop on implementing concept based instruction
 - Student led Conference was 90% attended
 - Power School, parents will register- AB Ed mandated paper free by next year.
4. School Board Report: Sharon Rutledge

**SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL COUNCIL TRUSTEE REPORT
FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

1. International Student Program

Associate Superintendent Tom Hamer reported:

- a) Significant growth over the last year from 176 students to 207
- b) Schools hosting international students has increased from 11 to 15
- c) Number of participating countries expanded to 10
- d) Home stay families now number about 150
- e) Dec 20/18 email sent by Tom Hamer to all staff & student: travels to China have been suspended until further notice due to current state of China/Canada diplomatic relations & a travel advisory

2. Facilities Services Report

Rod Swartzenberger, Facilities Services Supervisor reported major improvements completed at schools from boiler replacements, LED lighting upgrades and installations of security cameras.

3. Huntsville School Update

Contract awarded to Lear Contracting (did Noble Central School modernization has been completed and the start-up meeting for the project is scheduled for the week of Feb. 11.

The govt. will manage the project, with Palliser's Facilities Supervisor Rod Swartzenberger providing administration and the Board with updates on the project's progress. Site preparation could start in March or April once the ground is thawed.

4. Palliser Education Centre Improvements

The Board approved a motion to proceed for tenders on the mechanical and electrical upgrade, including some improvements to meeting places. Prior to a contract being awarded, the Board will review and approve the budget. Funding will come from the sale of surplus land on the PEC site and other sources, and **will not** impact students.

5. Playground Grant Application

Secretary-Treasurer, Dexter Durfey, has submitted grant applications to the province on behalf of three schools: Huntsville, Milo and Arrowwood Community Schools. These schools were the only ones in the division that qualified under the govt. requirements. The province has not funded playgrounds in the past, but recently announced grants were available, but only up to three applications. The total number of playgrounds to be funded by the govt. is unclear.

6. Transportation Services

Transporting of students in Palliser continues to grow, with about 100 new passengers this year.

One upcoming challenge is a new requirement that all school bus drivers, full time, part-time or volunteers who are driving students to and from sporting events or field trips, must have a safety endorsement certificate starting next year. Some drivers will be exempt, but many will require additional training. Palliser does have qualified staff to offer the training, and hopes to get drivers updated prior to the summer break.

7. Digital Student Records

Sec. Treasurer Dexter Durfey informed the Board, **mandated provincial legislation** will require student records in digital, rather than paper form, by the **fall of 2020**. Schools have been urged to start the process now by having teachers enter daily attendance in digital form, and encourage new student registrations, done by parents, online. Schools will offer parents assistance to those requiring help with registrations.

8. Occupational Health and Safety

Scott McLarty, OHS consultant, hired in August 2018, has toured all Palliser schools to determine high-risk situations which need immediate action. He is reviewing the online training service and will be looking to implement a divisional Health and Safety Committee to meet new provincial requirements.

9. Cultural Lesson

Dan Doerksen provided the Board with a cultural and historical overview of the Low German speaking Mennonite (LGM) community. Now in his 14th year as LGM liaison for Palliser Schools, he said the more you know about the people you work with, the more you are able to meet their educational needs. There is diversity among the LGM community, but generally, they are conservative in nature, shy people, very private in health and sex discussions, hands-on learners, and have strong family bonds with fathers as head of the family. It was noted that the success of the LGM program in Palliser is due to Mr. Doerksen's efforts and initiatives.

****** Upcoming information sessions hosted by the Town of Coaldale on the Joint Multi-Use Recreation Facility/High School with Palliser reps in attendance.**

February 5 & 12, 4:30 – 7:30 at the Hub (2107-13 St. Coaldale)

Next Board Meeting Feb. 12/19

Report submitted by Sharon Rutledge Trustee.

5. Old Business

- None

6. New Business

- Sunnyside School – a school of choice-post it note activity

- Accountability Pillar Survey- Sample Provided (Grade 4)
- School Calendar 2019-2020 in draft form

Adjournment: 3:27

Amy Adjourned

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