

Sunnyside School Council  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

Call to order: 2:19pm

1. Additions and approval of agenda:
  - Approved by Ali, seconded by Amy, passed unanimously
2. Approval of minutes from Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2019:
  - Approved by Amy, seconded by Sharon, passed unanimously
3. Principal's Report:
  - February started off with a celebration of learning
    - 95% of parents were in attendance
    - Kids were excited to show parents what they are learning
  - Report cards will go out at the end of March
    - Possibly going towards a parent portal for report cards in the future
  - Connie attended a conference in Edmonton with Julie Stern on conceptual understanding. Sunnyside will be implementing concept based instruction.
    - Teach kids to come up with concepts and strategies
    - Less memorizing, more understanding broader concepts/transfer of learning
  - Calgary- Connie was certified in the Leadership Quality Standards
    - This is required of all principals
  - All the teachers were at U of L learning during the last 2 days of the February break
4. School Board Report: Sharon Rutledge

## TRUSTEE REPORT

### Coaldale School Update

Two information sessions were hosted by the Town of Coaldale on Feb 5 & 12 for the proposed joint recreation centre/high school project. The sessions were well attended, and generally positive, however, concerns were raised about the location of the proposed site. It was emphasized that it is the municipality's responsibility to set aside property for future school construction. A geo-tech survey is underway to determine the suitability of the chosen site to be a good building site.

The public will have the opportunity for input on the school itself, if and when, the project is approved by the provincial government in April 2019.

### School Calendars

The Board approved the 2019-2020 school calendars (north & south versions) after consultation with staff, school councils and the ATA. The 2 versions differ in spring or Easter breaks to coincide with surrounding school divisions.

Teachers are officially back on Monday Aug 26, 2019, the Opening Day celebration for staff on Thursday Aug 29 in Vulcan and first day of school for students on Tuesday Sept 3. The last day of class for students is Friday June 26, 2020.

Principals can now make requests for any changes based upon their community requirements.

## **Huntsville School Update**

An initial meeting was held recently with reps from Alberta Infrastructure, the contractor, architects, central office and the school principal to discuss construction timelines.

## **Financial Update**

The Board heard financial projections through the end of August and new reporting procedures which have been implemented in an effort to increase accuracy and transparency.

Dexter Durfey, Sec. Treas. noted measures have been taken to reduce expenditures in board and system administration, with those costs projected to be lower than originally anticipated.

## **Next Board Meeting is March 19/19 at the Palliser Centre**

### 5. Old Business

- None

### 6. New Business

- Sunnyside School Severe Weather Policy
  - New (Snow Day) Policy came into effect last year.
  - New Addition (DRAFT Policy, see below ) is for individual schools to determine
  - Embracing weather in all seasons- trying to integrate wellness into everyday
  - Every season we will celebrate on a special day. This winter we had ski trip, skating, wiener roast and sled racing.
  - A great day of celebration is planned for spring
  - Snow shovels were bought for the kids to use outside, they've LOVED them
  - Tara V voiced concern over new DRAFT policy and Connie has taken it under consideration
- Internet Safety
  - The momo scare was addressed. A viral hoax which was shared by parents through Facebook.
  - Dr. Mike Ribble to put on event on Digital Citizenship for Educators. Connie will attend this workshop. March 26-27<sup>th</sup>
  - Encouraged for kids to delay as long as possible joining social media.
- School Calendar 2019-2020
  - Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>
  - High favor to continue 2 weeks off for students at Easter Break
  - Palliser calendar has been approved, individual schools may request minor changes

## **Sunnyside School Severe Weather DRAFT Policy**

**We believe that there are tremendous benefits to participating in outdoor activities in all seasons. That being said, student safety is our top priority.**

**Students are expected to come to school every day with the proper clothing. In winter, this means a tuque, mittens, warm winter jacket, snow pants, boots, and something to cover the face (i.e neck**

warmer, scarf, balaclava). When students are dressed appropriately, they are comfortable, safe, and will most likely enjoy being outdoors.

Inclement weather conditions such as blizzards, extreme cold, rain, lightning, high winds, may result in the administration making the decision to keep students in at recess. Student safety is our top priority.

Homeroom teachers will visually inspect each child before letting them go outside in very cold temperatures. Students that teachers/supervisors feel are not dressed appropriately will participate in an alternate activity. (i.e a short walk on the sidewalk) or won't be able to go outside at all. Homeroom teachers will communicate with student and parents in situations where the child is coming to school ill prepared to be safe outside.

There are a number of factors that the school administration uses to make the day-to-day and hour-to-hour decisions about indoor/outdoor recess. These factors include air temperature, wind speed, wind direction, the amount of sunlight, humidity, etc. School administration uses the latest environment Canada (Lethbridge) information as well as an outside thermometer at the school to determine whether to:

- Send students out for regular break
- Send students out for a shortened period of time
- Lead students on a short walk for some fresh air
- Keep students in for recess

Adjournment: Amy motioned to adjourn at 3:30pm

Next Meeting: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (2:15)