

Sunnyside School Council  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

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

Call to order: 2:20pm

1. Additions and approval of agenda:
  - Approved by Connie, seconded by Alix, passed unanimously
2. Approval of minutes from March 6<sup>th</sup> 2019:
  - Approved by Andrea, seconded by Amy, passed unanimously
3. Principal's Report:
  - March 27<sup>th</sup>, report cards went home
  - March 27<sup>th</sup> was the Grade 2 assembly
    - Drumming performance using pails from Home Depot. Have been learning this in Music with Mona Slusar
  - Extracurricular Activities
    - Mini Basketball has started for grades 4-6 on Wednesday's after school
    - Volleyball for gr. 5-6 Tuesdays after school. Possibility of using R.I. Baker gym
  - Aggie Days will be attended in April
  - Planting in the Greenhouse will happen soon
  - School Improvement: Our school is being well cared for
    - Learning Commons will be painted
    - Staffroom and office will have carpet replaced
    - Rod from Palliser will be replacing the edging around the playground
    - Fence will be repaired
    - Possibility of underground sprinklers being
    - Outdoor court will be repainted
  - Grade 5/6 will attend World Curling Event at Enmax
  - Trickster Theatre Grand request has been received. Decision will come soon.
  - Wellness Friday
    - Best Friday yet, kids many opportunities available
    - ½ the kids were outside, many exploring the mud
    - Watercolor painting
    - Grade 6 were cooking chicken fingers
    - Inside free play
    - Pom pom making out of yarn
    - Beading
    - Fly tying
    - Guitar
    - Crafting
    - Board games
    - Tech group

#### 4. School Board Report: Sharon Rutledge

### TRUSTEE REPORT

#### Annual Technology Report

Tom Hamer & Jason Kwasny (Technology Integration Specialist) presented their report to the Board showing comparisons between where we were last year and where things are now. One of their goals is to have a 2 to 1 ratio for students to devices and by the fall this should be achieved. They are also working on switching from Power School to Google classroom which will be more useful for students and staff. With the continued shift to cloud based computing, increases the demands upon the division wireless network and system upgrades will be required.

#### Student Presentation

Two Grade 11 students from Kate Andrews High School, Bailey Kasko and Kinzey Kerner, travelled to Chile for a two month exchange earlier in the school year. They talked about their Chilean families, the difference between schools here and in Chile, lack of WIFI in some areas and found the language barrier (Spanish) was their greatest difficulty. They especially enjoyed the Chilean ice cream and skiing on a snow covered volcano. Both felt they gained a greater sense of independence and recommended those who might consider an exchange to enter with an open mind and willingness to try new things.

#### Seclusion Rooms

Seclusion rooms will be banned across the province before the start of the next school year. Palliser has NOT had seclusion rooms for quite some time. We do have multi-sensory or break-out rooms where students and staff can go if there is a need.

#### Palliser's Three Year Plan (board passed a motion for 2020-2023 capital plan)

##### **1. Coaldale (new school?) 2. County Central in Vulcan (built 1953 operates Gr. 7-12)**

Modernization needed: lacks natural light, poor ventilation, mechanical systems outdated which limits technology usage **3. Coalhurst High School (built 1957 with 2 additions in 1973 & 1975)**

At present Gr. 7-12, proposed Gr. 6-12 Modernization needed: electrical systems not at contemporary tech standards, new spaces needed (breakout spaces & learning commons) **4. Coalhurst Elementary (built 1989)**

At present K-6, proposed K-5 better use of space Electrical system outdated, technology not supported **5. Sunnyside School (built 1952 with addition in 1953 & portable added in 1995)**

School has little natural lighting, poor ventilation, inadequate gym & electrical systems outdated for technology. **The modular classroom for 2019 was not approved by the govt.** Scheduled for 2019 is painting of gym and heating controls.

#### Next Board Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2019 at the Palliser Education Centre.

#### 5. Old Business

- Sunnyside Severe Weather Policy
  - Connie is still collecting information and feedback
  - The new policy will be in place for the 2019-2020 school year
- School Calendar 2019-2020
  - Proposed calendar for Sunnyside School has been submitted
  - Request for the last school day of June will not be an option any longer, conflict with student exams

- The survey on the 2 week break at Easter has been submitted. 60 families responded, and 85% are in favor of keeping the 2 week break.

## 6. New Business

- Digital Citizenship
  - Connie attended Digital Citizenship in Schools with Mike Ribble.
  - Great information and take away (Connie Adserballe + Tom Hamer)
    - It starts with conversations
    - This is a community problem that requires a community solution
    - Large number of Middle School problems are regarding kids posting online in evenings and weekends, and Principals/Teachers are dealing with the aftermath of what was posted during school time.
    - Great guide for posting
      - T is it true?
      - H is it helpful?
      - I is it inspiring?
      - N is it necessary?
      - K is it kind?
    - Kids in middle school are losing parent attachment and going towards more peer attachment, so these citizenship traits need to be taught children in the elementary years.
    - The new curriculum will teach the outcomes of Digital Citizenship in Wellness
    - Learning to do the right think when nobody is looking
    - Future evening is being planned to discuss digital citizenship
- Health Champions Update (Andrea- school health champion)
  - Goal is to go from Wellness Friday to wellness throughout the week and at home
  - Survey results from students is that they need to feel a sense of belonging
  - Benefits of Nature/Outdoors led to the celebration of the seasons. Celebration of spring day is being planned.
- Combined Grades/Grade configuration
  - Low enrollment in some of the lower grades
  - Request for a portable was denied
  - Will have some combined grades for the next school year.
    - Kindergarten will stand alone
    - Grades 1-5 will be combined in some way
    - Grade 6 will stand alone
  - Assure parents that brighter children will not be automatically be divided into the higher grade. Will be divided by individual needs
    - Those needing opportunities to be leaders
    - Personality conflicts , and so on
  - Good way to manage class sizes
- School Goals Update
  - Oral Language- singing with Connie this week, oratoricals in May where every child will learn a poem and recite it.

- Numeracy- Kids are very excited to be using Knowledgehook. An Instructional Guidance System (IGS) that uses engaging student assessments to unlock insights and expert guidance for math teachers.
- Bouquets
  - A bouquet to Mel from Connie for doing yoga with the Kindergarten kids every morning.
  - A bouquet to Tom for sharing on digital citizenship and support.

Adjournment: Amy motioned to adjourn at 3:27pm

Next Meeting: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (2:15)