

Sunnyside School Council

November 6, 2019

Attendees: Connie Adserballe, Ali Schneider, Sharon Rutledge, Krysta MacBeth, Kym Van Sluys, Hayley Elford, Baylli Hain, Jesse Martens, Jenn Jesse

Call to order: 2:16 pm

1. Introductions were made as we had new parents attending today's meeting.
2. Additions and approval of agenda:
 - Approved by Connie, Seconded by Hayley
3. Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2019 meeting:
 - Approved by Connie, Seconded by Krysta.
4. Principal's Report:
 - In the Learning Commons, the Grade 6 class is growing succulents as part of Wellness. They are learning to propagate, and care for these plants.
 - Parent/Teacher interviews over the week proved to be a better solution as far as scheduling goes for both parents and teachers.
 - Report cards will be issued November 22nd, 21st for Kindergarten.
 - Professional Development Day for Teachers October 25th.
 - Scott from Ever Active Schools presented to teachers on getting students more active. As well, Sunnyside School is part of a pilot project with Ever Active Schools to re-invision recess.
 - A two hour presentation on ADHD was given to teachers by Palliser behavior specialist, Karen Braun – Strategies for Success in the Classroom.
 - Both of these presentations support the school goals.
5. School Board Report:

TRUSTEE SHARON RUTLEDGE BOARD REPORT FOR SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 06, 2019

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The enrollment numbers are higher than projected with the official count on Sept. 30 of 8,662 students which is an increase of 251 students in Grades 1-12, and an increase of 21 in Kindergarten. HAHS and RIB schools in Coaldale saw significant increases.

BUDGET PREPARATION

Projections for the 2019-2020 operating budget call for a deficit of about \$400,000 with current enrollment numbers. This does not include a 217 per cent increase in property insurance costs for a number of school divisions including Palliser. That increase –the result of damages to school properties due to floods and fires in the province the past few years- will mean an additional cost of about \$300,000 for Palliser.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

As required by the Education Act, the Board appointed two external members from each of the business & adult learning community to sit on the Audit Committee, Michelle Lutz and Tony Montana.

MODULAR CLASSROOMS

Palliser is requesting, from the provincial govt. at a cost of \$50,000 each, three moduls for the Huntsville School, presently under construction, which already exceeds its' capacity, and one modular classroom for Sunnyside School which needs additional space.

PALLISER EDUCATION CENTRE UPGRADES

The Board authorized administration to arrange financing to complete Phase 1 of the upgrades needed at the Palliser Ed Centre. The first phase includes mechanical and reception areas. With the money from the sale of the surplus property, and financing, there will be no funding impact on student instruction.

IMPACT OF GOVT. BUDGET

Prior to the provincial budget just announced on October 24, Palliser had made a preliminary operating budget for 2019-20 with certain assumptions based on the best knowledge available at the time. With the new funding formulas the province has put in place will allow us to better to make any significant mid-year adjustments to operations and /or staffing. **On Friday, Nov 1, the govt. made their capital announcements which did not include the building of the new high school in Coaldale. The 2020/21 budget will come late Feb or March so we will look forward to that round.**

6. Old Business:

- None

7. New Business

- Learning Commons Update
 - Community Learning Space, the computers need to be upgraded and will be replaced with Chrome books
 - Grades 4-6 have their own Chrome books and have access for the whole year
 - 6 more Chrome books need to be purchased for K-3
 - Tables will be moved around, a TV will replace the smart board
 - More books will be added to the classrooms
- Wellness Goals
 - Sunnyside School will be working together with Scott from Ever Active to help children enjoy the outdoors and committed to going outside every day to impact learning.
 - Grade 1-- goes outside at the start of each school day
 - Grade 6 --connect with grade 1 students to build relationships
 - Grade K, 3-6 --will be adding additional time throughout the day to focus on wellness strategies

8. Bouquets: Health nurses for immunizations in grade 6. Sunnyside has one of the highest immunization rates. Second round for grade 6 will be in six months.

Amazing job, grade 6 class for the Remembrance Day Assembly

Adjournment: Ali motioned to adjourn at 3:22pm

Next Meeting December 4, 2019