

Sunnyside School Council

October 2, 2019

Attendees: Amy Hass, Connie Adserballe, Jen Hendrick, Sharon Rutledge, Ali Schneider, Erin Malamas, Mel Jones, Jenn Jesse, Krysta MacBeth

Call to order: 2:20

1. Additions and Approval of Agenda:
 - Approved by Amy, Seconded by Connie

2. Approval of minutes from September 4th, 2019:
 - Approved by Amy, Seconded by Connie

3. Principal's Report:
 - September 23rd, 2019 Palliser Teachers and Ed. Assistants attended Professional Development Day in Vulcan. All keynote speakers were amazing. Sessions on Administration, Learning Commons, EA classes, Anxiety in the classroom
 - Guest speaker Dr. Robin Gibb gave an informative and well received presentation. Sunnyside would like for her to do a presentation at the school for parents on the importance of play and brain development.
 - Students are enjoying the snow. Staff have seen positive outcomes at recess: using the shovels, working together digging, making snow forts.
 - Parent feedback is welcome and appreciated for outdoor play.

4. School Board Report: Sharon Rutledge

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TRUSTEE SHARON RUTLEDGE REPORT
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Policy 19: Student Transportation

A standard for busing must be set that supports **schools of choice** for parents and yet ensures that small, rural schools are viable. Administration is recommending the policy be accepted as presented, the **fee schedule** be reviewed and implemented for the **2020-2021 school year**, and **changes to the existing bus routes** be implemented on **January 1, 2020**.

The draft fee schedule will be reviewed by the Board in November. The transportation supervisor David Shaw will make arrangements with the families of existing stops to ensure that they are aware that additional students will be on the bus as of January 1, 2020.

Literacy Annual Report

Director Adam Browning reported that a Literacy Framework has been created to effectively share strategies and techniques. The 2019-20 focus is key areas of oral language including digital literacy. A library /resource centre will be created for staff to share resources and literacy projects. Palliser partnered with Frontier College providing summer reading programs.

Wellness Annual Report

Director Shane Cranston shared Palliser's Wellness Goal. "Palliser students will become literate in mental health, gaining knowledge and understanding in pursuit of living a healthy life".

The Accountability Pillar data shows more work needs to be done in making stronger connections between students and their school. The strategies schools choose will be based on their needs and research. The question for Palliser is how the system can support schools to support students.

Nutrition Program Support

The nutrition grant of \$15.5 million from the Province has been continued. The nutrition program in Palliser schools served about 630 students every day last year, with another 440 students receiving a snack. Some schools offered both breakfast and lunch.

Principals noticed a remarkable difference in students who eat healthy meals with the help of the nutrition program.

Palliser has Family School Liaison Counselors and Family Connections Workers who support students, families, schools and communities.

Next Board Meeting set for October 15, 2019 at the Board Office.

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

- Fall Festival during Wellness Friday October 18, 2019
 - Pumpkin Judging
 - Celebrate Fall Activities (apple preserves etc)
 - pumpkin seed roasting
 - Pumpkin Pie eating

- Bible Stories
 - There will be no Bible stories this year.

- School Goals:
 - Main focus 3 priorities:
 1. Literacy
 2. Numeracy
 3. Wellness

Ever active works with Alberta Education to improve recess. Why do kids want to go outside or like going outside?

Teachers: Mrs. Jesse has Grade 1 and Grade 6 pairing up together. There has been a positive response with activities such as planting tulips, nature walk and a chance to engage for 10-15 minutes.

The goal is to make recess more enjoyable among students focusing on the different types of play: Body (Gross Motor), Social, Imaginative (Dramatic Play) Games with Rules and Construction (Lego)

Bouquets:

Palliser Regional Schools for their communication of the September snow day

Amanda Hudson, ELP for her implementation of outside play

Sunnyside Alumni Shine! Cross Country students came out on top at all their schools

Connie Adserballe for the extra recess time

Adjournment: Amy motioned to adjourn at 3:17pm

Next Meeting: November 6th, 2019

