

October 6, 2021 School Council Agenda - Sunnyside School

In Attendance: Sharon Rutledge, Mitchell Van Dyk, Erin Malamas, Lynnell Hudey, Mel Jones, Geraldine Gratton, Kim Daniels, Bailey, Ali Schneider, Crystal Smith(online), Val Siljack-Kissick(online)

Call to Order: 3:54

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:
 - a) Addition to the agenda:
 - i) Microwaves
 - ii) Mulch
 - b) Approved by Kim Daniels, seconded by Mel Jones.

- 2) Approval of Minutes of September 7th, 2021 meeting:
 - a) Approved by Bailey, seconded by Geraldine

3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge) (to be attached)
Sunnyside Parent Council Meeting

Oct 06, 2021

Board Report: Trustee Sharon Rutledge

1. At our recent Board meeting, Dr. Adam Browning updated the Board on the most recent COVID health measures outlining specific requirements for class cohorts, physical distancing, drop-off and pick-up procedures, masking, field trips and performance activities. The updated Guidance for Schools (K-12) and School Buses was made available on Sept. 22.

* On Tuesday October 05, the Alberta Govt announced reinstating COVID-19 contact tracing in schools. Rapid testing will be increased in schools, starting in areas where there are outbreaks and low vaccination rates.

2. At the Sept 28 Board Meeting, the Palliser School Division bid farewell to Board Chair Robert Strauss and Kristine Cassie, both of whom did not seek re-election. The new upcoming Board in October, will consist of 3 former trustees and 3 new trustees. Sharon Rutledge will continue to represent Sunnyside School.

3. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept 30, saw students engaged in awareness activities related to nature, empathy, relationships, and the Blackfoot language. Activities included, a Medicine Wheel Feather Art Project, nature walks and Orange Shirt Day. On Friday, October 1st, a very special ceremony was held at R.I.B. School in Coaldale, which formally received a Blackfoot name. Present were Superintendent Dave Driscoll and MLA Grant Hunter who addressed the gathering. Elder Mike Bruisedhead led the

ceremony explaining to students of his personal memories of being a residential school survivor. The Blackfoot name given to the school was "Swift Running Bear Middle School". The students were then asked to take the new name and the knowledge of its origin, and work to create a symbol or logo to go along with it.

The Organizational Board Meeting will be held on October 26, 2021

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

My goal:

- a) Provide a robust learning environment for students with a heavy focus on academic success for all students, inclusion, wellness, outdoor learning, and enhanced learning opportunities.
- b) Communication is really important - I am always available!
- c) Communication:
 - i) If something is focused on the classroom, please contact your child's teacher first, but by all means, contact me as well if you want.
 - ii) If something is focused on the school as a whole, please contact me.
- 5) We had to adjust our cohorting due to Provincial rules. 1/2 grades had to split as well as the 3/4 grades.
- 6) There have also been some changes around isolating and contact tracing:
 - a) Also effective October 6, school COVID-19 outbreaks will be reported at 10 or more COVID-19 cases within a 14 day period that were infectious while at school.
 - b) Public reporting categories include:
 - i) Alert: 2 to 4 cases
 - ii) Alert: 5 to 9 cases
 - iii) Outbreak: 10+ cases
 - c) Starting October 12, parents will also be informed if their child may have been exposed to a COVID-19 case who was infectious while at school.
- 7) We remain committed to providing a safe, fun, positive, and engaging atmosphere here at school.
- 8) Terry Fox run was a huge success! We had hot dogs, freezies, and juice
- 9) Upcoming activities/Events:
 - a) Pumpkin/Harvest festival - October 21 or 22nd
 - b) We were able to attend PD sessions on Indigenous perspectives and using math games/activities to build math understanding
 - c) Looking into some additional outdoor learning spaces - rocks/boulders, log benches, a few more picnic tables
 - d) Looking into hammocks, slacklines

- e) Toboggan hill
- f) Orchard - some fruit trees are going to be planted

10) Old Business:

11) New Business:

- a) Ali Schneider
- b) Microwaves
 - i) They didn't have them last year - Ali was approached by a few parents about whether they could have them.
 - ii) The staff would need to talk about it.

- c) Mulch
 - i) It looks like the front of the school could use some mulch.
 - ii) Would staff want to be a part of that? Have students help out?

12) Celebrations and/or Thankyou's:

- a) Rosco volunteered to plant the orchard trees for us!

Adjournment: 4:16pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021