

November 3rd, 2021 School Council Agenda - Sunnyside School

In attendance:

Sharon Rutledge, Michelle Van Dyk, Ali Schneider, Mel Jones, Lynell Hudey, Rana Koopmans, Julie Quinten, Abby Nelson, Erin Wallace (online), Krysta Smith (online), Geraldine Gratton (online), Travis and Samantha (online).

Call to Order: 4:36

1. Additions and Approval of Agenda:

a) Addition to the agenda:

- i) Ice rink
- ii) Christmas gift? Christmas lunch
- iii) Soccer net/ safety issue

b) Approved by Rana Koopmans, seconded by Lynelle Hudey

2. Approval of Minutes of November 3rd, 2021 meeting:

a) Approved by Rana Koopmans, seconded by Julie Quinten

3. Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge)

New Board take Oath of Office

The new Palliser Board were sworn into office at the October 26th Organizational Meeting. Elected Lorelei Bexte to serve as Board Chair, Debbie Laturnus as Vice Chair and Tony Montana as Alternate Vice Chair. Board Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

International Students Exchange Program

We have seen an increase in the number of students wanting to come to Alberta. Our approach has been to focus our work with our long standing agencies and to cautiously enter into new agreements. All students entering Alberta must be fully vaccinated and require a negative COVID test. Palliser has been involved with the International Program for 7 years.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

As Orange Shirt Day on September 30th coincided with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, events were planned across the division with the support of Palliser's Indigenous Education Team. Palliser has supported staff with ongoing professional learning opportunities to learn more foundational knowledge about Indigenous peoples.

Curriculum Update

Palliser initiated a curriculum advisory group in May with teachers from our system to provide an in-depth review on the Draft K-6 Curriculum. The advisory group is currently looking at strengths and areas for improvement for subject levels and outcomes. We expect the review to be completed by January 2022.

COVID-19 Learning Loss

The Alberta Govt. has announced additional support of \$45 million for students who have experienced learning loss during the pandemic for Grades 1 to 3. The money will be given at a per- student rate of \$490. Palliser has identified and applied for support for 350 students in Grades 2 and 3 needing literacy and/or numeracy intervention. We expect to identify Grade 1 students in need of literacy and numeracy support by January 2022 with govt. funds available in February 2022.

On October 27, 2021 Palliser released, to all Palliser employees, its' Administrative Procedure 133 : Workplace Health and Safety, Hazard Control Employee COVID-19 Vaccine Status. The pandemic presents a health risk for staff and students, puts a strain on the health care system as well as the entire community. A letter from the Ministers of Health and Education encourages a mandatory proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test be implemented by all school divisions.

Next scheduled Board Meeting is November 09, 2021.

4. Principals Report (Mitchell Van Dyk) (to be attached)
Sunnyside posts on Facebook and Twitter

5. Old Business:

- a) Ordering hammock, slack lines, picnic tables now for outdoor classroom.
- b) New t-shirt designs/ letterman jackets- graduation gift.
- c) Pergola
- d) Turkey Christmas dinner (Dec. 16th)

6. New Business:

7. Celebrations and/or Thank you's:

- a) Ali, Erin and Mel headed up the Popcorn Fundraiser!

Adjournment: 4:16pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 1st, 2021