

# December 1st, 2021 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

## In attendance:

Sharon Rutledge, Michelle Van Dyk, Mel Jones, Lynell Hudey, Rana Koopmans, Abby Nelson, Kim Daniels, Krysta Smith, Val Siljack, Samantha Davis, Erin Malamas, and Michelle Perlich

## Call to Order: 3:48pm

### 1. Additions and Approval of Agenda:

a) Approved by Rana Koopmans, seconded by Lynelle Hudey

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

a) Approved by Rana Koopmans, seconded by Lynelle Hudey

### 3. Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge)

## Palliser's Capital Plan

Dexter Durfey, reported that Palliser will be moving forward on their next number 1 priority which is **Coalhurst High School**. Consideration was given that Coalhurst's proximity to west Leth. Chinook High School, saw students leaving for the newer facility that provides more learning options. Palliser proposes to modernize or replace Coalhurst High School, and also to mitigate the overcrowding concerns at Coalhurst Elementary by reconfiguring grades from 7-12 to 6-12.

The 2nd Priority is the modernization of **County Central High School in Vulcan**. Declining enrollments in the Vulcan schools will likely necessitate a reduction in overall space.

## Coaldale School Virtual Walk-Through

Representatives Dan Westwood & Jesse Potrie of Ferrari Westwood Architects, provided trustees with a presentation of the new Coaldale School. The goal of the exercise was to showcase the features of the school to ensure the needs of Palliser students and the community for years to come. The joint use of the Rec Centre with the school will allow Coaldale students to access many dual credit opportunities. The new school will serve up to 855 students in grades 7-12. Completion date: fall of 2023 / spring of 2024.

**Next scheduled Board Meeting is December 14, 2021.**

**I WISH ALL OF YOU A HEALTHY & SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON. SEE YOU IN 2022.**

4. Principals Report (Mitchell Van Dyk) (to be attached)

Principal's Report December 1, 2021

- 1) A huge thank-you to everyone who helped and participated in the popcorn fundraiser! It was a huge success. A special thanks to Cassie and the School Council team who helped organize everything!
- 2) Our Wellness Committee had a meeting yesterday about some of our priorities as a school. This Committee involves myself, Andrea Klassen, Brenda Hancock, Julia Newberry, Jenn Jesse, Mel Jones, and Erin Malamas. We were able to discuss some of the great things that the school is doing and also what we can improve to contribute to a healthy school for students, parents, and staff.
- 3) We are completing a 12 Days of Christmas theme throughout the month of December. There are a number of fun activities/spirit days coming up. Just a reminder that there is no pressure to participate - only if you want to!
- 4) Mini-volleyball is going really well. Our plan is to have a final tournament on Wednesday, December 8th, starting at 2 o'clock. The goal is to livestream it so parents and other classrooms are able to watch!
- 5) Just a reminder about the new COVID-19 protocols that are going to be in place starting January 4th:
  - a) All staff and volunteers will need to show proof of vaccination or a negative rapid test. For staff it will be every 72 hours. For volunteers it will be the day they are volunteering (a negative rapid test within the last 72 hours).
- 6) Just a reminder of our school goals this year:
  - a) Literacy - improve our reading and writing skills throughout all grade levels.
  - b) Numeracy - improve our numeracy skills, especially our number sense and problem solving ability

- c) Wellness - Continuing with the solid work of ensuring that all students are contributing to their own wellness and the wellness of others.
- 7) We have attended a number of PD sessions over the last month or so:
- a) A few of us watched a session on “Reading is Hard” by Dr. Robin Bright
  - b) We all attended a session with Kristin Krein, our Indigenous Success Coordinator, on how to incorporate Indigenous perspectives in our teaching.
  - c) I attended the ATA's Leadership Essentials conference in November.

5. Old Business:

- a) Turkey Dinner December 16th, 11am. Headed up by Rana Koopmans.
- b) Toboggan hill will be build in the spring to avoid mud.
- c) Outdoor rink is built and awaiting cold weather for water to be trucked in.

6. New Business:

7. Celebrations and/or Thank you's:

Again thank you to all who helped with the popcorn fundraiser

**Adjournment: 4:07**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday January 5, 2022**