

# Sunnyside School Council Minutes January 12th, 2022

## In attendance:

Tom Hamer, Sharon Rutledge, Mitchelle Van Dyk, Ali Schneider, Mel Jones, Lynell Hudey, Rana Koopmans, Abby Nelson, Kim Daniels, Baylli Hain, Erin Wallace, and Michelle Perlich

## Call to Order: 3:51pm

### 1. Additions and Approval of Agenda:

a) Approved by Rana Koopmans, seconded by Kim Daniels

### 2. Approval of Minutes of December 1st, 2021 meeting:

a) Approved by Rana Koopmans, seconded by Kim Daniels

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

On behalf of the Palliser Board and Central Administration, we wish all of you our best wishes for a positive outlook in 2022. We truly appreciate your resilience and willingness to walk alongside us as we work towards solutions.

**On Jan. 02, 2022 the province extended the winter break for all students until Jan. 10.**

**On Wednesday January 05, 2022, an announcement was made by Minister of Education LaGrange, K-12 students will return to in-person learning on Monday January 10, 2022 with measures in place to continue learning safely with access to rapid tests and medical grade masks.**

1. Work continues to keep Palliser Schools safe, efficient, organized, clean and comfortable. Palliser school custodians are thanked for daily cleaning in our schools.
2. Michael Willems, a teacher in the Palliser division, has received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.
3. **Palliser's Transportation Services** is provided by a board owned fleet of 79 buses.

For the last 8 years, Palliser has purchased buses and its suggested we continue. The buses are equipped with up to date GPS with software able to monitor engine problems, fuel consumption, driving habits and locate a bus

anywhere in the division. We now have 69 camera systems installed on the buses, as well as 3 PSA systems on the highest flyby routes. There has been a 60% decrease in flybys so far.

We have eliminated transporting preschool students due to routes having load factors nearing capacity.

\*The Transportation Office handles issues reported to them in respect to ride times, or behaviour issues. We encourage anyone with a concern to contact the Transportation Office.

4. The **OH&S report** indicates that slips and falls are no. 1 reported accidents. Care has been taken at each school to map out areas where contractors could and could not pile snow to eliminate ice patches.

Coaldale and Vulcan Fire Dept. did annual fire inspections of our Coaldale Schools, Champion, Milo Arrowwood and Vulcan Schools. The reports were good with the exception of fire load in some classrooms. This is also part of our requirements for insurance purposes.

5. **Tom Hamer** appointed **Deputy Superintendent** for the remainder of 2021-22 school year.

Next scheduled Board Meeting is February 08, 2022.

#### 4. Principals Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

1. A huge thank-you to everyone who participated in our 12 days of Christmas! It was a ton of fun and the students really enjoyed it. One of the things that we as a staff liked about it was the flexibility - some students and staff wanted to do as many days as possible, and some only did a few days. This was totally fine for everyone and worked out really well.
2. Our Wellness Committee ironed out a few goals that we have as a school to contribute to health and wellness here at Sunnyside. We are looking at trying to incorporate monthly (somewhat) spontaneous school-wide activities to increase our fun/belonging. For example, we plan on having a snowman/snow-sculpture building contest when we get a fresh dump of snow. We are also going to try and increase our out-of-school activities (things like outdoor learning, educational trips, park trips, skating, swimming etc.). This will be a little tricky with Covid restrictions, but it is a goal for us moving forward. Lastly, we also want to try and work as a school to improve students' mental

wellness and belonging through our wellness time, our FSLC, and by increasing fun/humor at school.

3. We are hoping to have mini-basketball start up here pretty soon. We also may have the opportunity to participate at a 3 on 3 tournament for the grade 6's (with maybe some 5's) - depending on restrictions.
4. We have tentatively booked a ski trip for the grade 5/6's on Thursday, March 3rd at Castle Mountain.
5. Just a reminder about the new COVID-19 protocols that are 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. Our School Parent Survey?
7. 3 on 3 basketball fees?
8. Fundraising ideas - new score clock?
9. Draft Calendar?
10. 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.

#### 5. Old Business:

a) Hot Lunch: try using [hotlunch.net](https://www.hotlunch.net) or possibly we using school cashonline, will looking into that. Maybe start with cash. Looking for a new volunteer to be in charge of hot lunch and form a hot lunch committee. Staff is flexible, but suggested we start once a month for the first few months. We will have parents cook for them. They will be the first Monday of the month beginning in February, something simple like spaghetti and taco in a bag.

#### 6. New Business:

a) Covid restrictions: unfortunately we are still dealing with restrictions, but grateful to have the kids in school. Rapid tests and masks will be arriving any day for all students to take home, unless they don't want them. As soon as they arrive Sunnyside will inform parents and get and send them home to any that want them.

#### 7. Celebrations and/or Thank you's:

Big thank you to Jaime and Rachel Selk for the hay ride and trucking water in for the skating rink, and to all the school community for everyones willingness to help out.

**Adjournment: 4:21pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday February 2nd, 2022.**