

## May 4, 2022 School Council Agenda - Sunnyside School

**In attendance: Mitchell VanDyk, Sharon Rutledge, Lynelle Hudey, Ali Schnieder, Baylli Hain, Kim Daniels, Samantha Davies, Rana Koopmans, Geraldine Gratton, Mel Jones (online), Abby Nelson (online), Michelle Perlich (online), Erin Wallace (online), Amy Hass (online), Val Siljak-Kissick (online).**

### **Call to Order: 4:05pm**

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:
  - a) 1st Lynelle Hudey
  - b) 2nd Rana Koopmans
  
- 2) Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2022 meeting:
  - a) 1st Geraldine Gratton
  - b) 2nd Rana Koopmans
  
- 3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge)

### **NEWS**

**Elisabeth Pascal (ECS teacher at Sunnyside) has been named the 2022 Palliser School Division Board of Trustees' nominee for the prestigious Edwin Parr Teacher Award.** A banquet will be held in Taber on May 18, 2022 to honour all nominees in Zone 6 and a winner will be announced. (Zone 6 located in Southern Alberta made up of 9 school divisions)

This award, named in honour of Edwin Parr, former president of the Alberta School Boards Association, was established almost 60 years ago to recognize outstanding first-year teachers.

### **April Board Meeting Highlights**

- 1) The **Wellness** goal of the division focuses on students becoming literate in mental health, gaining knowledge that will provide them confidence in their pursuit of living a healthy life. There has been an increase in Family School Liaison Counselors (FSLC) team support. They provide one to one and group counseling to students in anxiety, trauma, grief and a multitude of other areas. In the past year, there were over 748 classroom presentations related to wellness.
  
- 2) The division-wide **Literacy** Team carries out the Literacy Framework which emphasizes the key areas of Oral Language, and Digital Literacy across grade levels and subjects. This year, staff attended over 40 division-wide learning opportunities related to literacy.

Emphasis has been placed on strategies to further support with implementing changes in the K-3 Language Arts Curriculum.

- 3) A **Numeracy** Team has been established to engage leaders, teachers, students and community to further the division's numeracy framework. Focus will continue on key areas of elementary numeracy: number sense, mathematical reasoning, visual math, and problem solving. An online platform will allow staff to share resources, plans and projects across the division.

**Next Board Meeting is May 10, 2022**

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

- 1) The hammocks and board games have been a huge success! Thank you so much for donating those - the students have been really excited to use both. We were even thinking that it might be worthwhile to have two copies of some of the more popular games - one for the Learning Commons and one for students to be able to sign out.
- 2) Our PAT exams are coming up soon. May 18th is our writing exam. Then we have Reading on June 16, Math on June 20th, Science on June 22, and Social on June 23.
- 3) Underground sprinklers went in last week. I can't wait to see our yard after a season of watering! We are also hoping to overseed in June, so hopefully we have some great looking grass in the Fall.
- 4) We made over \$1,000 with the Growing Smiles Flower Fundraiser.. I was a little disappointed with the prices this year - they have definitely gone up from when I ran it before Covid. I'm not sure if I will run the same one next year.
- 5) We completed a school wide clean up last week Thursday. We filled the entire dumpster with garbage, which was awesome! The students did an awesome job cleaning up!
- 6) Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. We raised over \$1500 for our Learning Commons. Thanks to all the parents for their support!

- 7) I am hoping to sand and paint the eastern wall of the shed to enhance the outdoor space. I was thinking I might see if the grade sixes can help. Any parents who are interested in helping would be much appreciated!
- 8) We also need to cut down the strapping for the trees on the North side of the schoolyard. Any help in that regard would also be greatly appreciated.
- 9) We have been working on our report cards as a division. I'm curious to know what everyone thinks. What would you like to see on your child's report card? How would you rate our current report cards?
- 10) As we come out of Covid, especially for next year, I am curious about your thoughts on pick-up/drop-off. How do you like the current set up? If there were changes, what would you like to see?
  - a) Parents liked coming into the school just for community feel, but the pick up line really is more efficient and makes things less chaotic, plus it is safer for the students. Maybe continue with drive thru pick up and add a few parking spots so they can go into school to meet with teacher etc.
- 11) Anything else you would like to share as we start planning for next year?
  - a) Have volunteers go in and clean up and organize the kitchen, take inventory and add missing items.
  - b) Before and after school programs, Sunnyside has done something like that in the past. Our sunnyside numbers are currently at 105 and there is a wait list for preschool and kindergarten for next year.
  - c) Beginning of September volunteer sign up night. Set date at June meeting
  - d) Vision for Sunnyside: bring staff, students and parents together to discuss 5 yr plan.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) Hot lunch
  - b) \$500 grant from the Alberta government: using for the barn dance set up.
  - c) Field Trips: looking at doing a 1 night trip for the gr. 6 class. Gr 1 is going to Pavan Park once a month. June 14th 9-1am Running club Pizza Party at Henderson. Make sure parent volunteers get their criminal record check.
- 6) New Business:

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7) Celebrations and/or Thank-you's:

- a) To all the parents for investing in the school for the extras that the students are enjoying and are making Sunnyside extra special.

**Adjournment: 4:15pm**

**Next Meeting: June 1st, 2020**