

April 6, 2022 School Council Agenda - Sunnyside School

**In attendance:**

**Mitchell VanDyk, Lynnell Hudey, Ali Schneider, Abby Nelson, Rana Koopmans, Kim Daniels (online), Baylli Hain (online), Erin Wallace, Travis Davies, Geraldine Gratton (online) Mel Jones, Val Siljack-Kissick (online) Hayley Bolton (online)**

**Call to Order: 4:01pm**

1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:

a) 1st Rana Koopmans, 2nd Lynelle Hudey

2) Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2022 meeting:

a) 1st Travis, 2nd Rana Koopmans

3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge) - absent

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

1) The Sunnyside School buffs that the Community Association purchased for the school have been a HUGE hit. A couple of the grade 6 students who never got one were fist pumping when they got theirs. One of the new boys in grade 1/2 actually slept in his buff because he was so excited to get one.

2) We have had some awesome things happen in the last month (and a few things coming up!). We planted seeds in milk jugs throughout the entire school, the grade 1/2s took their first trip to Pavan park, the book fair is well underway, student-led conferences are tomorrow, and we are busy planning awesome activities for the spring. On that note, I have a few requests from the Community Association that I would ask you all to consider - we looked into booking Henderson Pool for the whole school. It will cost around \$760 dollars (about 7 dollars a person). We also have a few bus rides (to Pavan park, to the

Coaldale fire hall) that I wanted to check in and see if the Community Association would be willing to pay for.

- 3) We have been distributing fresh fruit and veggies through a nutrition grant that Palliser has provided for us. For the last 2 hot lunches I have been purchasing cucumbers (which have gone over really well) and the students have had fresh oranges, apples, and/or bananas in their classrooms. This has gone over extremely well!
- 4) I have signed up for the Growing Smiles fundraiser - which is plants, veggies etc. from the Devry Greenhouses by Picture Butte. I will hopefully be sending fundraising forms home Thursday.
- 5) I have a couple other requests to make for funds, if that's ok!
  - a) Can I go ahead and purchase the slack lines and hammocks that were approved in the fall? I would just submit receipts if that's ok. It would probably be around 300-400 dollars.
  - b) We are looking at possibly doing an Edmonton Trip with our grade 6's (restrictions permitting). Is this something that the School Council would be willing to help out with?
- 6) I have a couple requests about notes that go home for ordering (hot lunch, shirts etc.). It would be great if we could try and give parents a week - 10 days to get their orders in. I think this will result in more orders, less late orders, and it gives Becky and I a little more time to keep things organized. Thanks to Ali, Abby, Rana and anyone else who has helped with organizing these events. I really appreciate it!
- 7) As a staff, we are starting a journey of building our math programs. Right now we are focused on using games, real-life word problems, and high-quality learning tasks in small groups. We have purchased a resource called "Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics" that we will be reading and working on implementing this year (and probably next year too).

5) Old Business:

a) Hot lunch

b) \$500 grant from the Alberta government:

Through the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant, each school council will receive \$500 to better support individual school councils and strengthen engagement with parents.

Examples of parent engagement activities and projects that funds can be used for include:

- workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members
- information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school
- parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyberbullying, healthy living, etc.
- programs to support families including those of English language and of indigenous learners
- parent resources and tools in multiple languages
- events to engage parents on important local issues
- parent engagement in promoting the value of arts
- trainer or facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above

6) New Business:

- Field Trips? 2 nights in edmonton gr. 6 class. Bus license is a class 2, other city ideas ie. Calgary, Warrerton, cost.
- Family night? (like a board game night), have snacks. get games donated by families, toy stores, asking classes to vote on most wanted games.
- Cookbooks you can make it a project that the students are responsible for. Pizza fundraiser postponed to fall or Christmas.
- Alumni celebration on gr. 6 graduation day, having the Sunnyside graduation class come back and visit Sunnyside.

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

a)

**Adjournment: 4:51pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th, 2022**