

November 9, 2022 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Mitchell VanDyk, Abby Nelson, Ali Schnieder, Lynell Hudey, Whitney Shimanski, Joanna Zazula, Baylli Hain (online), Rana Koopmans (online), Val Sillijak-Kissick (online),

Call to Order: 4:16pm

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda
Additions: adding an item to new business. By executive decision we name Ali Schnieder as President, Rana Koopmans as Vice President, Abby Nelson as secretary and Michelle Perlich as the new treasurer.
 - a) Approval:
 - b) 1st Whitney Shimanski
 - c) 2nd Lynelle Hudey
- 2) Approval of Minutes of October 12 meeting:
 - a) 1st 1st Whitney Shimanski
 - b) 2nd 2nd Lynell Hudey Hudey
- 3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge)
- 4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

Lots of great things happening and things to get your feedback on:

- 1) The funding model for Alberta schools is such that our new enrollment isn't being funded by the Alberta government until next year. So we will not be hiring additional teaching staff this year. Hopefully next year. I was hoping that we could maybe hire a music/fine arts teacher, but that will have to wait until next year.
- 2) We have hired a new EA to replace Ms. Julia. Her name is Sue Wobick and she comes from Dorothy Dalgliesh School. I worked with her when I taught there. I hope she is going to be an excellent addition to Sunnyside.
- 3) I wanted to get your feedback on the Christmas concert. What are everyone's thoughts?
 - a) Maybe some Christmas carols?

Parents still wanting a big event night, but happy to give teachers flexibility on what that looks like.

- 4) I am hoping to do the “12(ish) days of Christmas” again this year. Just curious about parent feedback for it? Is it annoying or fun? Yes, fun and kids seemed to really enjoy it!
- 5) Wellness Fridays - do you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering from 11:15-12:15? It would be awesome to have a few more options that are parent run!
- 6) Thanks to those who gave feedback on our wellness committee. We have decided on 3 main goals:
 - a) Working on enhancing a spirit of generosity and reciprocity at our school.
 - b) We are hoping to enhance our fine arts footprint here at the school (both this year and in the subsequent years)
 - c) Implementing a Social-emotional learning program.
- 7) We have brainstormed a great list of board games, card games, and learning commons activities to enhance our Learning commons. It might be as much as \$1,000. Is that ok?
- 8) Just an update on our recesses:
 - a) We have changed our afternoon recess. K,1,2 go from 1:45-2:00 and 3-6 go from 2:00-2:30. We were having a lot of conflict between older and younger students and so decided to make this change for now while we work on a few things.
- 9) I am connecting with Mark Lowe, principal of Picture Butte High School. They are building a heated greenhouse for around \$50,000. I am trying to get some information from him to share with you. Ali and I chatted about it a little bit and if it is feasible, it would be great to be able to have a greenhouse operational throughout the winter months.
- 10) Lethbridge Electric (LE) (Chandler Cook) is going to price out a new sound system for us in the gym. It sounds like they are going to donate their time to install it!
- 11) Just a reminder to sign up for your Edsby account for absences etc.
- 12) I'm curious to get your feedback on report cards. How would you feel if (eventually) we moved away from report cards? This would mean fairly continuous feedback in Edsby (pictures, comments, grades etc.) that you could access at any time, combined with parent-teacher interviews and student-led conferences.
- 13) I am looking at booking a skating rink for a Friday wellness (November 25th). It costs about 126 plus GST. Is the School Council ok paying for it?

5) 3Old Business:

- a) Hot lunch: still going good, gr. 5/6class_{class} assisted~~assisting~~ in delivering food to classrooms,, which has been helpful.
- b) New Pickup routine: alot safer having vehicles not parked on the roadside.: still going smoothly, more comfortable with the resolution of safety issue of having vehicles parked on roadside.

6) New Business:

- a) Motion to transfer treasurer responsibilities (including banking) from Mel Jones to Michelle Perlich.
- b) 1st Lynell Hudey
- c) 2nd Whitney Shimanski

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

- a) Rana and Sam - Thank you for your work with hot lunch!

Adjournment: 5:03pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 14th, 2022