

February 8, 2023 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Sharon Rutledge, Amy Hass, Lynnell Hudey, Travis Davies, Michelle Perlich, Rana Koopmans, Mitchell Van Dyk, Crystal Smith (online), Bailey Hain (online), Val Siljack-Kissick (online), Nichole McNeil

Call to Order: 4:06

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda: No additions- Approved by Travis Davies and seconded by Lynnell Hudey

- 2) Approval of Minutes of December 14th, 2022 meeting: Approved by Michelle Perlich, seconded by Lynnell Hudey

- 3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge):- Board Highlights from December and January meeting:

Welcome to 2023 (Board highlights from Dec & Jan meetings)

Palliser School Division's Early Learning Programs (3-5 years old) provide caring, supportive and play-based learning opportunities. There are 226 Early Learning Students registered for the 2022-2023 school year, higher than projected. The Early Learning Team is made up of Educators, Support teachers, school administration and multidisciplinary teams. The Team faces challenges posed by the increased number of students who need support with speech and language. Professional development sessions have focused on early literacy and numeracy, and will offer a session on Autism Spectrum Disorder early in the new year.

Facility Services works to ensure a safe, clean, and comfortable environment where students and staff can achieve to their full potential. Several projects have been completed, including the installation of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), security cameras, upgrades to boiler systems and concrete work to improve safety. Schools use the Asset Planner System to submit service requests, allowing the Facility team to track and prioritize requests.

The construction of the new Coaldale School is on schedule and notable progress has been made to the exterior. The interior walls are being erected , with electrical and mechanical rough-ins in progress. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.

The Palliser Student Transportation Dept. operates and maintains a safe, economical and efficient system. Palliser owns 81 buses, operates 56 routes and transports 1,800 students daily. Palliser purchased 2 coach style buses equipped with seat belts (32 and 24 capacity) to transport international students. The dept. operates 2 repair facilities, 1 in Leth and 1 in Vulcan, staffed by 4 full time mechanics. The "Think of Us on the Bus" continues with support from our law enforcement partners. The Student Transportation Association of Alberta has reinstated the fuel rebates as of March 2022 until June of 2023 which amounts to about 50 cents per litre of

diesel fuel.

Palliser is committed to the health and safety of all students and staff by following the Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) regulations. Site inspections are done to ensure Code and Safety requirements are being met for insurance coverage.

Palliser's Annual Education Results Report (AERR) was presented and approved by the Board. The Alberta's Assurance Framework is about building public trust and confidence that the education system is meeting the needs of students. School authorities develop education plans that identify priorities, outcomes, measures and strategies. The AERR provides the results achieved from implementing the plan. The report is available on the district website. Next Board Meeting scheduled for Feb. 14, 2023

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

A huge thank-you to the Community Association for paying for 2 additional skating opportunities. It was a huge success and the students loved it.

I have a few things that I would like to get your feedback on:

The new calendar - thoughts on our days off/PD Days etc.?

Site days with school all having the same days off.

Our survey results - we only had 6 parents fill out the parent survey total last year. I am hoping to get more parents to fill out the survey this year - all grade 4,5,6 parents will be getting a survey - please encourage everyone to fill one out.

If (and there are no guarantees at this point) we are able to add staffing for next year, I wanted to try and prioritize adding a music teacher/program to our school. Thoughts? - Potential of 0-1.5 teachers added.

I wanted to apologize for missing out on inviting parents to the last assembly. I'm going to try to be better at making sure parents know about it. At my previous school, assemblies were usually on a fixed date, so parents always knew about them. We will look at tweaking a few things to make them a little more predictable and I'll make sure I do a better job communicating it.

What do you think about doing the Spring flower fundraiser again this year? I think last year, we made around \$1,000.00 for the school.- Popcorn better choice over flowers due to ease of selling and money earned from the fundraiser.

We have recently made a "Staff Vision Statement" that will guide a lot of the work that we do as the staff. Here it is:

We believe in the importance of fostering growth in every child. This includes their academic, social, and emotional growth. To achieve this, we commit to:

Recognizing our relationship as connected to the land, our community, and each other.

Recognize and prioritize staff and student wellness.

Giving every child a chance to learn and grow, every day.

Understanding that good teaching means constantly learning, collaborating, and changing.

- I'm not sure if you were able to read it or not, but in my Principal's Message in the last newsletter, I mentioned that I am hoping to have an evening where we get together as a community (students, parents, staff) to talk about our community vision for Sunnyside. What do we love about the school? Moving forward, what should our priorities be? It will probably be sometime in April - I would love it if you all could attend!
- Just a reminder - the best way to post absences is to download the Edsby app.- Mixed feedback from parents on the app and how easy it is for parents to use. .
- We have started to waitlist for grades 1,2,3,5 and 6. We have some space in our kindergarten class (although we are waitlisting for out of boundary students to make sure that we have enough room for our in-boundary people). We also have space in next year's grade 4 class and Early Learning.
- I have chatted with Palliser about the possibility of a portable classroom. I have no idea if this will go forward, but I will continue to push it.

5) Old Business:

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- b)
- c)

6) New Business:

- a) School Calendar feedback
- b) Engagement grant from Alberta Education- \$500 given to the CA to be used for school engagement activities
- c) Assurance Surveys- coming in the mail. Parents please fill these out.

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

- a)

Adjournment: 5:01

Next Meeting: March 8, 2023