

## March 8, 2023 School Council Agenda - Sunnyside School

**In attendance: Sharon Rutledge, Mitchell VanDyk, Travis Davies, Michelle Perlich, Lynnell Hudey, Geraldine Gratton, Abby Nelson, Val Siljack-Kissick (online), Bobbi-Geo Gschaid (online)**

### **Call to Order: 4:09pm**

1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:

Additions: a) Sunnyside 70th anniversary celebration

Approval: a) 1st: Michelle Perlich

b) 2nd: Travis Davies

2) Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2023 meeting:

a) 1st: Geraldine Gratton

b) 2nd: Lynnell Hudey

3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge)

Simon Sorensen, (Technology Services Supervisor), presented the Technology Accountability Report. The tech department is focused on utilizing technology to provide students and staff with tools to ensure high-quality learning. However, increasing equipment and service costs have created challenges.

There are 6,377 Chrome devices in the schools for students, staff and EA's. By using only Chrome devices, it has created an uniform platform for all users making staff and students able to access and correct problems easily.

All schools, as of Aug 2022, have Supernet 2.0 capabilities offering increased band width, all phones installed in Palliser owned buildings now connected by VoIP, ViewSonic Boards are being installed, PA systems being upgraded, and improved cyber security practices.

Power School was retired in Aug 2022 with Edsembli and Edsby now up and running.

Palliser is grateful for the dedication of the Technology Services Team.

The Board reviewed Admin Procedure 549: Inclement Weather and Admin Procedure 555: Bus Transportation and advised Administration to make an update. With the focus on safety, and the temperature at which buses are able to operate, school bus service shall be suspended by the Superintendent, when a temperature of -35 degrees or colder is reached. Previously, the temperature consideration was -40 degrees but has proved to be an unrealistic temperature for the operation of the bus fleet. As always, Palliser trusts parents to make the best decision with respect to their child riding the bus during times of extreme weather.

For information to the Board, Administration provided clarification on the expectation of field trips, liability risks, and the Admin Procedures tied to them. Mr. Tom Hamer, Deputy Superintendent, would be glad to attend a Parent Council meeting to explain the expectations.

\*\*\* Letter to Alberta Parents from Education Minister Adriana LaGrange distributed to parents at the meeting. The information provided is about the impact of the recent

announcement of the Alberta Govt's Budget of Feb 28, 2023 dealing with education.  
\*\*\* Sunnyside School was highlighted in the Indigenous Success Newsletter submitted by Dr. Browning and Kylie Fineday (Indigenous Services Co-ordinator) Congratulations!

#### 4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

It has been a great month of February/start of March! A huge thanks to the Community Association for paying for some of the charter bus for the ski trip - the kids absolutely loved it! We are into the staffing season. I have a meeting with Audrey Kluin, our central office HR superintendent on March 16th to talk about staffing for next year (teaching staff)

Just a reminder to please fill out your Assurance Surveys please! You have until March 15th to do so. If you didn't get a code or lost yours, please let me know and I can send you the email address to connect with.

We have 4 staff and 7 parents for our Greenhouse committee. I am going to be submitting a proposal shortly to our Superintendent. Once we have the go ahead from Palliser we will have a meeting and look at our options.

We are working on having more activities in our family groups. These family groups are cross-graded groups that we have done a few fun activities together this year.

Deb Roth, our wonderful caretaker, has retired. We are hoping to celebrate her at our assembly on Thursday, March 30th at 2:30. I was wondering if our School Council/Community Association would like to do something for her. We are going to celebrate her as a school!

Are you all ok if we do the popcorn fundraiser? I'm happy to organize it - I may just need a little bit of help sorting it once it all comes in? We could use this for some of the additional things we are looking to purchase.

Our new calendar for next year should be out within the next month or so. There are very few changes from the one I showed last meeting.

Just a reminder to please keep an eye out for information about our Spring visioning meeting for Sunnyside - probably sometime in April.

I will be meeting to discuss staffing within the next 2 weeks - so I will hopefully have an update on our staffing for next year at the next School Council meeting.

I was curious about everyone's input here on what they think are the next steps for us as a school. We have a robust outdoor program and are doing things that almost no school in this area is doing. We are hopefully going to have a greenhouse soon. Not that this is binding, but I would love to hear ideas about what you think would continue to set our school apart as an amazing place for students to learn and grow?

#### 5) Old Business:

- a) Engagement grant from Alberta Education
- b) Assurance Surveys
- c)

- 6) New Business:
  - a) 70th anniversary celebration
    - i) End of June? BBQ? Celebration?
  - b)
  - c)
  
- 7) Celebrations and/or Thank-you's:
  - a)

**Adjournment: 4:57pm**

**Next Meeting: Thursday April 20th, 2023**