

December 6, 2023 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Sharon Rutledge, Mitchell VanDyk, Erin Wallace (online), Kaylee Low (online), Val Siljack-Kissick (online), Baylli Hain (online), Micah Pavan (online), Geraldine Gratton, Abby Nelson, Lynell Hudey, Rana Koopmans, Travis Davie, Hailey Bolton-Elford, Britnee Pavan, Michelle Perlich.

Call to Order: 4:04pm

1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:

Addition: Kaylee Low, digital citizenship.

- a) 1st: Lynell Hudey
- b) 2nd: Travis Davies

2) Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2023 meeting:

- a) 1st: Lynell Hudey
- b) 2nd: Travis Davie

3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge):

Board Highlights from November Meeting

The Palliser School Division is embarking on a significant journey of future planning for the 2023-24 school year. In November, our Administrative team dedicated two days to analyzing data from the Alberta Assurance Survey, OURschool, and various other reporting platforms. The comprehensive feedback from students, staff and families is instrumental in guiding our leadership teams to pinpoint areas requiring growth and attention. Principals & Vice-Principals have contributed valuable insights through presentations to the Board, showcasing the day-to-day realities within our schools.

Moving forward, the Board will undertake a thorough review of these findings to formulate our Division goals. Commencing in the New Year, the Board is committed to engaging with our school communities to gather input in shaping our new Vision, Mission and Core Values.

The Board has recently reviewed the Annual Education Results Report ensuring the educational system meets student needs and fosters success. School authorities will develop comprehensive education plans that outline priorities, desired outcomes, metrics and strategies in crucial areas.

Palliser takes pride in students' academic success and is committed to increase the engagement of parents. To further this positive trend, the Palliser 'Council of Councils' explores new avenues for parent participation.

This report is slated for approval in our forthcoming meeting, subject to additional elements from the audited financial statements. Once sanctioned by Alberta Education, it will be made available to the public.

A highlight of our recent discussions was the presentation by our learning services team on our ongoing collaboration with Alberta Health Services. This partnership is pivotal in supporting

the health and wellness of both students and staff in our Division.

AHS has been instrumental in enhancing our Division's health initiatives, including informative sessions on the dangers of vaping, supporting the Headstrong Summit and helping in our nutrition programs. Their collaboration with our Health Champions is valuable in identifying and addressing health and wellness needs within our schools.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2023

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

Happy December! I am really looking forward to the next 3 weeks. It's going to be a ton of fun with a lot of festivities! Here is an update on some of the things happening:

The word of the month for December is "Reciprocity" or "Giving Back". Thanks to everyone for your wonderful contributions to our various initiatives to give back to our community. The "Silver Linings" donations were a huge success, and our community always gives so generously to the food bank and to Angel Tree. Thank you!

I have been going through our government survey results and our Provincial Achievement Test results. The AERR document (Annual Education Results Report) will be finished soon. Our results are VERY strong.

We had a great staff PD on December 1st. We looked at the results of the visioning evening and started brainstorming a new school motto and updated vision. We are close to having a draft document. Once we have it, we will share it with parents for feedback.

I simplified the "12 days of Christmas" in hopes that everyone will be able to participate and to lessen some of the stress on parents. Hopefully it strikes a fair compromise!

Christmas concert tickets should be issued soon - hopefully early next week. Each family will be allocated 2 afternoon tickets and 2 evening tickets. We will email out more information when the tickets are ready.

I am curious if anyone has feedback on report cards that went home. This was our first time with the new program, so there are several issues that we are going to be fixing:

- Descriptors for each grade

- Descriptors for work habits

- A mobile version so it can be viewed effectively on a phone

- Possibly changing some of the descriptor names

- Any other feedback? Things you liked? Things you think could be changed?

In the New Year, I am hoping to book a few skating times. Would the Community Association be ok to fund those? I think they cost around 100 per hour for skating and then additional costs for busing (which is down significantly from last year). This would be included in the \$1000 per class that was allocated earlier this year.

Our mini-volleyball program was a huge success! Thanks to all the parents for taking the time to watch, cheer, pick-up, and even play!

Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the holidays!

- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Sunnyside 70th Anniversary (in the Spring)
 - b) Hot lunch: going great, online is working out smoothly
 - c)

- 6) New Business:
 - a) Christmas Concert
 - b) Bake Sale
 - c) Kaylee Low: is willing to give a 1hr. presentation on the science behind how the brain works and how it is affected by social media and technology, in hopes to combat negative mental health. For students over 12yr. Are there at least 10 parents interested?!

- 7) Celebrations and/or Thank-you's:
 - a) Morning announcement gratitudes. Could have parents could email in there gratitudes
 - b) To Lynell Hudey

Adjournment: 4:38pm

Next Meeting: Wed. January 10th, 2024 @ 4pm.