

April 10, 2024 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

**In attendance: Sharon Rutledge, Mitchell Van Dyk, Lynnell Hudey, Rana Koopmans, Ali Schneider, Travis Davies, Baylli Hain (online), Erin Wallace, Michelle Perlich, Carly Ramotowski,**

**Call to Order: 4:02pm**

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:
  - a) Ger Gratton
  - b) 2nd - Lynnell Hudey
  
- 2) Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2024 meeting:
  - a) Lynnell Hudey
  - b) 2nd - Rana Koopmans
  
- 3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge):

Board Highlights from March meeting

On March 06, the Board had the opportunity to have a virtual meeting with Minister Joseph Schow (MLA for our area) to discuss our concerns for our school division. Topics discussed were the govt. short-fall in funding for Mental Health, Technology, Transportation and long term funding needed to carry on the Dual Credit program.

Bailey Clarkin, a first year teacher at Huntsville teaching kindergarten, is Palliser's nominee for the 2024 Edwin Parr Award to be recognized at a banquet in Taber on May 15. This award, named in honour of Edwin Parr, former president of the Alberta School Boards Association, was established over 60 years ago to recognize outstanding first year teachers. There are 10 nominees from each of the 10 school boards in the southern area.

The Human Resources team provides support for over 1600 individuals and also contributes to recruiting and retaining qualified personnel. In the fall of 2023, the HR Staff Portal was launched, which centralizes essential information, documents and resources for staff wellness. Also offered, is the "New Teachers" orientation group and the "Aspiring Leaders" program for teachers looking to transition to administrative roles.

Palliser's Capital Improvement Plan is still the modernization of Coalhurst High School and a grade reconfiguration with Coalhurst Elementary. Next priority is the modernization of County Central High School in Vulcan and the replacement of the Sunnyside School building.

Palliser is pleased with the interest in volunteering to drive buses to help our students travel on field trips or other events outside of school. If interested in completing the required training, and possess a Class 1 or 2 license, contact school administration or Palliser's transportation dept.

Next Board Meeting was April 09, 2024

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

Happy April and (hopefully) Spring! Here is a quick rundown of some of the things that we are working on:

The word of the month for April/May is integrity. We will have conversations/lessons/family activities on this topic.

We are working on the plans for next school year. Teaching staff numbers, support staff, and the calendar are all being finalized.

I'm hoping to get our new vision documents up and running on the website etc., so please have a look out for that. We are also going to be adding some visuals/murals throughout the building. Provincial Achievement Tests have been canceled for the subjects of Math and LA. I think it's because of the change in curriculum. Social and Science PATs will still go ahead as normal. We are probably going to field test the new Math and LA PATs, just so we can get a sense of what they are going to look like in the future.

For the after-school care for next year, we are planning to go ahead with it. It still isn't 100%, but I am currently working on a lease agreement with Palliser and the Boys and Girls club. The plan is to try it next year as an after school program as a 1 year pilot to see how it goes.

The greenhouse build is (finally) underway! Yesterday, we were working on leveling the surface and the plan is for the screw piles to be installed tomorrow. After the screw piles are installed, I will be looking for a few volunteers to help shovel out underneath the screw piles so that the top plate can be welded on.

Just a reminder that the popcorn fundraiser is due on Friday. We are going to be doing a "pie the staff member!" Every student who sells \$25 dollars (and every multiple of \$25) will get their name put in a draw. If their name is selected, they get to pie one of a few staff members who volunteered!

Just a reminder that I am (almost) always available. If you need anything, have questions, want to chat, have an awesome idea for the school, please reach out. Send me an email or give me a call at the school - I love chatting with parents about how we can continue to ensure that Sunnyside is an amazing place to play, learn, and grow for all kids!

5) Old Business:

- a) Sunnyside 70th Anniversary (in the Spring)/Penny Carnival - May 24th.
  - i) Ali Schneider is hoping to get together and delegate someone to be in charge of each station.
  - ii) There will be a meeting night for organizing the Penny Carnival - Ali Schneider will organize.
- b) BLAST/after school program?
- c) Calendar for next year

6) New Business:

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

- a) Thank you to parents who do the meals on Mondays!
- b) Thanks to Mitchell for the work on the greenhouse!
- c) Thanks to the idea/execution of having children outside a lot!

**Adjournment: 4:37**

**Next Meeting: May 1, 2024**