

## **Sunnyside School Council**

**December 4, 2019**

**Attendees:** Amy Hass, Marybeth Douglas, Krysta MacBeth, Rana Koopmans, Baylli Hain, Hayley Elford, Ali Schneider, Erin Malamas, Connie Adserballe, Sharon Rutledge, Jenn Jesse, Mel Jones, Jesse Martens

**Call to Order:** 2:20 pm

1. Additions and Approval of Agenda:
  - Approved by Amy, Seconded by Connie
  
2. Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2019 meeting: Approved by Amy
  
3. Principal's Report:
  - Learning Commons has switched out the computers and putting in a projector with a TV
  - Mrs. Hancock working hard organizing books
  - Grade 6 students continue to propagate succulents for the learning commons exhibit
  - Remembrance Day Service was memorable. Sharon Rutledge represented for Trustees
  - Fall Festival – Pumpkin Growers were honored. 20 came to the luncheon. Instead of a pizza party, sandwiches and other healthy choices were made available to students. There was also an

opportunity to talk about other initiatives students would like to see at Sunnyside.

- Christmas Concert – New Christmas play directed by Kindergarten and music teacher Mrs. Mona Slusar and Grade 6 teacher Mrs. Jenn Jesse. The show to take place December 18, 2019 at 1:30 and 6:30. Kindergarten will have one show in the afternoon only.
- Hayride provided by the Selk family Friday, December 20.
- Wellness goals – Scott from Ever Active Schools is working with students on their own videos: Reimagine Recess. A survey done with older students about what they like about recess and what they want to see changed. We are drilling down as a school to see why some kids don't like going outside.
- Wellness room will be ready in January 2020

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#### 4. School Board Report:

## **TRUSTEE RUTLEDGE BOARD REPORT FOR SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL COUNCIL DECEMBER 04, 2019**

### **International Exchange Students**

The Board heard from five KAHS students who recently returned, in October, from a two week trip in Ukraine. They enjoyed the beautiful scenery, experienced new foods, and learned a lot about the Ukraine culture from their homestay families. They compared our schools to theirs, mentioning Ukraine had small roomed schools and classes but long days of instruction from 9:00 to 6:00. The biggest obstacle was the language barrier.

While this was Pallisers' second exchange trip – the first was last year, involving Chile, Director of Learning Tom Hamer indicated more exchange opportunities will be announced soon.

## **Financial Updates**

The Board approved the audited financial statements for 2018-19 and accepted the auditor's report.

Secretary – Treasurer Dexter Durfey provided the Board with a financial update for the 2019-2020 year which forecasts a deficit of \$815,800. Much of this deficit is due to a 305% unexpected increase in Palliser's property insurance bill. The Palliser administration team had great foresight and conservative assumptions in preparing its' spring budget, without the benefit of a provincial budget at the time. Even though tough decisions had to be made, Palliser has avoided making impactful changes in the 2019-2020 school year.

## **Student Transportation**

The Board approved a transportation fee schedule for students attending a school of choice rather than their designated school. The out – of – boundary fees are broken down into children who qualify for busing to their designated school, and those who would not qualify. It was noted all requests are dependent on there being room on the bus, and pick – up at a designated site.

Changes to existing bus routes would be implemented as of Jan. 01. 2020, while the fee schedule will not go into effect until the 2020-2021 school year.

**The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019**

**ON BEHALF OF THE PALLISER SCHOOL BOARD**

**I WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business:

- Health Champions: Connie would like another committee with three parent volunteers. Rana Koopmans and Mel Jones have volunteered, a third person would be appreciated.
7. Bouquets: Mel Jones for all her hard work at Turkey Bingo, Krysta MacBeth for providing Christmas Baking at the meeting, Jenn Jesse and her Celebration in Writing with the grade six class. They celebrated by doing a writer's celebration at the café in the classroom.

Check out the Seesaw Google Classrooms App to view the students writing

Adjournment: Amy motioned to adjourn at 2:50 pm

Next Meeting: February 5, 2020