

Sunnyside School Council Meeting
January 15, 2015

Attendees: Mrs. Adserballe, Mrs. McIntyre, E. Willms, Alix H., Tara R., Cindee N., Andrea K.

Call to Order 3:50 pm

1. Agenda
Motion to approve agenda moved by Cindee seconded by Tara, passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes for December 11, 2014
Motion to approve moved by Cindee seconded by Mrs. Adserballe passed unanimously.
3. Principal's report
 - The caretaker's position is vacant. The position will be advertised, internally then externally. A temporary caretaker is in place.
 - Our Gr. 2 teacher continues to be on leave. Fortunately, Mrs. Hudley will stay with the class until her return. The class has embraced Mrs. Hudley and are enthusiastically preparing for the January 29 assembly.
 - A huge Sunnyside thank you to David Shaw, Palliser Transportation Services Supervisor, for devoting time to the busing issue. He will propose the addition of a third bus (from Palliser offices to transport the students in the immediate Sunnyside area) to the Board of Trustees.
 - New policy requiring 15 minute recesses in the morning and afternoon, and a 45 minute lunch recess (currently Sunnyside has a 41 minute lunch recess) is necessitating revision of the school calendar for 2015-2016. A draft calendar will be ready next month.
 - School skating will take place on two consecutive Thursdays, January 22 and January 29. The busing for this event (approximately \$400.00) will be paid by the proceeds of the Christmas raffle.
 - Literacy/Bible study programs begin January 16, 2015. The Literacy program will encompass cross-graded groups of students working on reading and writing skills in a manner that will enhance each child's literacy. There will be 2 Bible study classes of 35 students in total.
 - Grade K-2 students are now entering and exiting the school via the south entrance. This reduces the hazard of wet floors from students entering through the north doors with snow covered boots and walking the length of the school to the K-2 classrooms.
 - Classroom libraries are being complied. Research is showing that students benefit from having access to books in their classroom as well as in a school library.
 - Family Literacy Day is January 27, 2015. To mark the day Mrs. Adserballe is holding reading workshops for parents. The 30 minute workshops will be held at 8:30 am and 2:45 pm.
 - Following the turkey dinner in December grade 2 students wrote heartwarming thank you cards to the volunteers who provided the dinner.
4. School Board Report by E. Willms
 - Attended school concerts in December. Well done Sunnyside School.
 - Craig Whitehead will be sworn in as trustee at the next board meeting.

- Stan Hielema, currently principal at Trinity Western in Calgary, has been named Associate Superintendent (Education Services). Society members from Calgary and Brant participated in the hiring process.
- Dan Ferguson, Alberta Education, reviewed Palliser Annual Education Results Report and 3 year education plan and was complimentary.
- The first snow day of 2015 occurred in Picture Butte when a surprise storm resulted in 3 cancelled bus routes.
- Sixteen regulations for the new Education Act are available for comment until January 31, 2015 on the Alberta Education website.
- Watch for a telephone survey between January 8 and February 28, the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey with Education in Alberta. The purpose is to determine satisfaction with the quality of education.

5. Old Business

Playground Update

A committee meeting will be held in the next two weeks to finalize the playground design.

6. New Business

Special events in the gym

Thought needs to be given to how to accommodate the large number of family members who wish to attend Sunnyside performances such as the Christmas concert and the upcoming Quest Theatre production. Currently there are three options for the Christmas concert: one, open up a rehearsal for viewing; two, give each student a number of tickets for family members; three, eliminate the Christmas concert.

Next meeting: February 12, 2015

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. moved by Cindee seconded by Alix passed unanimously.