

February 2, 2022 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Sharon Rutledge, Mitchelle Van Dyk, Ali Schneider, Mel Jones, Lynnell Hudey, Rana Koopmans, Abby Nelson, Baylli Hain, Erin Wallace, Michelle Perlich, Travis Davies, Brelyn Smith, Hayley Bolton, Geraldine Gratton, Abby Nelson, Val Siljack-Kissick

Call to Order: 3:51pm

1. Additions and Approval of Agenda:
 - a) approved by Amy Hass, seconded by Travis Davies

2. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2022 meeting:
 - a) approved by Baylli Hain, seconded by Geraldine Gratton

3. Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge)

Our next Board Meeting will be next Tuesday Feb 08.
However, I will comment on 2 issues to keep you updated.

1. Last August 2021, the govt announced providing \$1 million to help School Councils improve engagement with parents. The Alberta Govt. is providing \$500 to each P/C group for the 2021-2022 school year, naming it the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant. Under section 55 of the Education Act, roughly 2,000 public, separate, francophone and charter schools, are required by legislation, to have a school council.

After attending a P/C meeting in Coaldale last week , there was a discussion of how to use the money. There is a list of do's and don'ts for use of the money.

2. The new school build in Coaldale has met with a large increase in the present tendered budget. (mainly, cost of materials) Mr. Durfey addressed the issue with the Alberta Govt, and received a letter indicating there will be more money added to the final tender package of about \$5 million
4. Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

1. There are a few great things that are happening in grade 5/6 over the last few weeks that I want to highlight; cooking for the grade sixes, mini-basketball, 3 on 3 basketball tournament at Immanuel, and the ski trip coming up. Thanks to the parents for being so supportive and flexible!
2. I will be sending out a parent survey sometime this week, asking for parents' feedback on how things are going at school.
3. Our two new staff members, Becky Gudmundson and Melissa Francom, are settling in nicely and seem to be enjoying their new roles.
4. Our new calendar will be coming out shortly. I have been given the green light to make sure that Sunnyside continues to have the 2 weeks off at Easter that some parents have told me they value.
5. We are currently working on applying for additional funding from the government for learning loss interventions. This is to help the grade one students make up some of the ground that they have lost because of Covid interruptions. It will probably result in a couple thousand dollars for our school, probably to be spent on staffing for interventions.

5. Old Business:

a) Hot lunch: Rana has things on track the February 8th spaghetti hot lunch. There was over 60 hot lunches ordered.

6. New Business:

7. Celebrations and/or Thank-you's: Thank you to Shawn and Amy Hass for donating the \$100 needed for the student fees for the 3 on 3 mini basketball tournament on February 4th, 2022.

Adjournment: 4:03pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 2nd, 2022