

December 14, 2022 School Council Agenda - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Rana Koopmans, Ali Schneider, Sharon Rutledge, Lynnell Hudey, Samantha Davies, Travis Davies, Geraldine Gratton, Michelle Perlich (online), Baylli Hain (online), Val Siljak-Kissick (online), Mel Jones (online)

Call to Order: 4:09 PM

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:
 - Approved by Lynnell Hudey, second by Travis Davies

- 2) Approval of Minutes of November 9 meeting:
 - Approved by Rana Koopmans, seconded by Lynnell Hudey

- 3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge):

Board Highlights from November 29 Meeting

- 1) The Audit committee met with the audit company, KPMG, and reviewed the audited financial statements for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board accepted the auditor's report and the report has been sent to the Alberta government.
 - 2) The Board received a report on the enrollment and success of the Home Education Program. The Home Education teacher offers personalized support for all kinds of learners with a quality program that benefits all students' learning.
 - 3) Palliser is tracking absences due to illness by participating in the Alberta Public Health Surveillance Reporting which monitors weekly absenteeism. In keeping with the protocol, schools will report to AHS when the absence rate due to illness reaches 10% of the student population. AHS will make recommendations to schools if additional measures are needed. To date, AHS has made no recommendations.
 - 4) Kylie Fineday, the new Indigenous Success Coordinator hired in October 2022 was introduced to the Board. Her role is to build relationships with schools to learn where they are on their journey of Indigenous knowledge. The Board was pleased to meet Kylie who will offer support for Indigenous learning in Palliser schools.
- On behalf of the Board, we wish all of you a safe and happy Christmas break.

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

There have been a lot of great things happening this month!

- 1) A HUGE thank-you to the Community Association for paying for school-wide skating, new goalie pads, buses to Pavan park, tons of new board games etc. We are so lucky!

- 2) Another thank-you to Abby and her mom, Lois, for all their work preparing for the Christmas concert! Our performances will be at 1:00 and 6:30 on December 21 with a bake sale happening at 6. We will open the doors at 5:45 sharp.
- 3) Thanks to all the parents for participating in the “12(ish) days of Christmas!” It’s been a lot of fun.
- 4) Our Achievement test results have been released from last year. We have very strong results when we compare it with the province.
- 5) Just a reminder to sign up for Edsby for reporting absences etc.
- 6) Would we be ok with 2 more school-wide skating events? The students had so much fun and I think it was a great experience, especially for students who don’t always get the opportunity.
- 7) I would love to have a “visioning” event in the New Year where we get parents, staff, and older students together to talk about coming up with a statement that highlights and states all the great things about Sunnyside School and what makes us different/unique as a school. Here is one that we created over the last 8 months as a staff:

We believe in the importance of fostering growth in every child. This includes their academic, social, and emotional growth. To achieve this, we commit to:

1. Recognizing our relationship as connected to the land, our community, and each other.
2. Recognize and prioritize staff and student wellness.
3. Giving every child a chance to learn and grow, every day.
4. Understanding that good teaching means constantly learning, collaborating, and changing.

- 8) Here is what our current vision statement says:

Motto

S H I N E

Successful

Honourable

Individuals

Nurturing

Excellence

Mission

Sunnyside School provides dynamic learning opportunities, enhanced by a supportive rural community. We uphold a positive and safe school climate which fosters leadership and citizenship. Our school strives to inspire students to exceed their potential, transforming the world around them.

9) We are really looking forward to the Christmas concert, turkey dinner, and hay ride next week!

10) Thanks to all of you for all your support this year. I think it has been an awesome year for our students, and we couldn't do it without the support of parents and the School Council. Here's to another amazing year in 2023!

5) Old Business:

- a) Hot lunch - We are all working on getting our timing down pat. Taco in a bag was popular, Hamburger soup, sloppy joe's. It would be good to get a few trolleys to support hot lunch. Let's ask the teachers about what their favorites were.
- b)

6) New Business:

- a) Christmas Concert - just a few details to iron out, but it looks like it's going to be a ton of fun.

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

- a) Thanks to Abby for all her work with the Christmas concert.
- b) Mr. Van Dyk - for setting up the rink.

Adjournment: 4:34

Next Meeting: January 11th, 2023