

October 4, 2023 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Whitney Schimanski, Travis Davies, Jenn Knutt, Carly Ramotowski, Britnee Pavan, Laura Ostoya, Ali Schneider, Lynnell Hudey, Mitchell Van Dyk, Baylli Hain (online), Erin Wallace (online), Rana Koopmans, Val Siljack, Bobbie Geo Gschaid, Erin Wallace, Conrad Van Essen,

Call to Order: 4:03

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:
 - a) Lynnell Hudey
 - b) Second by Whitney Schimanski

- 2) Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2023 meeting:
 - a) Whitney Schimanski
 - b) Travis Davies

- 3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge)

- 4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk):

There aren't too many things to report since our last meeting 2 weeks ago. Just a couple updates:

- 1) Our word for the month of October is gratitude. We will be talking about gratitude throughout the month, emphasizing its importance to healthy development.
- 2) Just a reminder about the visioning evening on October 19th. It would be great to have more parents sign up! So far we have 12 people signed up. I would love it if we could get to at least 20.
- 3) Thank you for your feedback on report cards. We had 60 responses, which is awesome! We are going to discuss them as a staff and start making decisions about changes we will make moving forward.
- 4) A friendly reminder that we have our monthly assembly tomorrow at 8:45. Feel free to join us!
- 5) I have had a few questions about our "family" groups. Basically, we divide the entire school up into small groups of K-6 students who have a teacher as their group leader. We then will complete fun activities, have lessons on important events (such as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt day), and even have lessons on social-emotional learning. For example, last year, we completed lessons on different emotions (joy, anger, frustration). These groups are a great way to build camaraderie, leadership, and belonging in the school.

- 6) I have also had a few questions about chromebook use in the school. Students in K-2 do not really use chromebooks at all, but they are used, starting in grade 3/4. Students in grade 3/4 start to learn how to use Google Drive, how to save documents, and they also use them to create presentations and sometimes listen to books. In grade 5 and 6, they are used more often. Students create presentations, are sometimes allowed to listen to appropriate music, and can use them for STEAM activities, like 3D printing and design.
 - 7) A friendly reminder that parent teacher interviews are coming up on November 2, 2023. This is a great chance to talk to your child's teacher about what they have been doing, how they are doing, and what you can do to support your child at home.
 - 8) Any questions?
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- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Sunnyside 70th Anniversary (in the Spring)
 - b) Hot lunch
 - i) Rana and Samantha are working on the menu
 - ii) Travis is creating a digital form. There will be 2 forms - one for the first half of the year and one for the second half.
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- 6) New Business:
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- 7) Celebrations and/or Thank-you's:
 - a) Tomorrow is World Teacher Day! Thank you to the amazing staff here!
 - b)

Adjournment: 4:15 PM

Next Meeting: November 1, 2023