

November 1, 2023 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Rana Koopmans, Baylli Hain, Geraldine Gratton, Laura Ostoya, Sharon Rutledge, Lynnell Hudey, Mitchell Van Dyk, Val Siljack-Kissick (online), Jennifer Knutt (online), Michelle Perlich (online)

Call to Order: 4:03

1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:

- a) Lynnell Hudey
- b) Geraldine Gratton

2) Approval of Minutes of October 4, 2023 meeting:

- a) Lynnell Hudey
- b) Geraldine Gratton
- c)

3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge):

Board Highlights from October Board Meeting

Palliser School Division is in the process of enhancing our assessment practices. While this shift has been in progress for some time, this year marks the first year where some Palliser elementary schools will pilot a new report card through the 'Edsby' platform. This new tool is aligned to provincial curriculum standards and outcomes, and will provide parents with meaningful updates on their child's progress. The division will implement the Edsby wide platform for report cards division wide beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

The Palliser School Division's Board of Trustees is embarking on a significant journey to shape our future. In the coming months, Central Administration has engaged a consulting company to collaborate on a review of our Vision, Mission and Values, aimed at guiding the division in shaping our future objectives to meet the needs of our students. Early next year, we will present the plan for public engagement. In the spring of 2024, we anticipate the unveiling of our renewed direction for the future.

The Board reviewed Policy 8: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. The newly revised policy is available to principals, parents and concerned public on the division website.

The Alberta Health Services on Comprehensive School Health is a service available to all divisions. The contact person is Lindsay Spring from AHS who works closely with Palliser's Health Champions.

Next regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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

Happy November! I hope everyone had a great Halloween night - whatever you and your family decided to do. It was a busy, eventful day at Sunnyside, that's for sure! Here's a few updates on what is happening at the school:

- 1) The word for the month of November is respect. We will be talking about how we respect the people around us, ourselves, our veterans, and our land/place (amongst other things). The word of the month for December is going to be reciprocity (giving back)
- 2) I wanted to give a quick snapshot of our Assurance results from the Provincial government. A huge thank you to those parents who filled out the survey - 6 parents filled out the survey 2 years ago. This last year, we had 15 - which is much better. Here are the overall results:

Assurance Domain	Measure	Sunnyside School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	91.5	76.5	76.5	84.4	85.1	85.1	n/a	Improved Significantly	n/a
	Citizenship	94.2	85.7	89.8	80.3	81.4	82.3	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	3-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.7	83.2	82.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	5-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	88.6	87.1	86.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Acceptable	n/a	88.9	n/a	n/a	67.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	n/a	22.2	n/a	n/a	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	75.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	96.7	92.4	95.6	88.1	89.0	89.7	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	94.8	86.8	86.8	84.7	86.1	86.1	n/a	Improved	n/a
	Access to Supports and Services	91.6	74.4	74.4	80.6	81.6	81.6	n/a	Improved Significantly	n/a
Governance	Parental Involvement	85.8	46.7	65.7	79.1	78.8	80.3	Very High	Improved	Excellent

- 3) Thanks to everyone who came to the visioning night! It was a lot of fun and we had some great conversations. We will be putting together some visioning documents as a result of that evening that we will share with parents for their additional input.
- 4) Mini-volleyball is up and running! We are so excited to have so many students and volunteers participating. It's a ton of fun and the students are developing a lot of skill.
- 5) I remember last year there was some interest in having sports activities for younger students. If you know of anyone who would want to do a small after school event (maybe once a week) to work on skills for younger students, please let me know.
- 6) Just a reminder that report cards will be going out on November 24th. They will look a little bit different than what you have seen in the past few years. We also
- 7) Just a reminder about our November assembly tomorrow at 8:45. We are looking forward to handing out the grade 6 Sunnyside bomber jackets! Feel free to join us if you would like.
- 8) I'm curious what people think about the "12 days of Christmas" that we usually do every December. Is it too much? Enjoyable? Annoying? Thoughts?
 - a) Spirit days would be good.
 - b) Hot chocolate and wiener roasts are good.
 - c) 12 days is a little bit long - it's hard sometimes!
 - d) Maybe a "wear something red/green/gold etc."

9) We are going to be a drop off for Angel Tree gifts again this year. We always have such amazing support from our community. Also, if someone you know needs a little extra support/love this Christmas, please have them fill out the form we are going to send home.

5) Old Business:

a) Sunnyside 70th Anniversary (in the Spring)

b) Hot lunch

i) The Google form was great - it was super easy to fill out! The only problem is knowing if there is a copy of it.

ii) For Dessert - parents make the dessert. I'm wondering if we can split it up between two parents on one day. Can we split it up between 2 parents?

iii) Can we send out the committee list again? Also a note on the website so that parents can sign up for volunteering.

6) New Business:

a) We updated on the letter that was sent home last Spring regarding some concerning behaviours. There has been significant improvements in these areas.

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

a)

b)

Adjournment: 4:47

Next Meeting: December 6th