

May 20, 2025 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Eric Harker, Daicya Munton, Travis Davies, Sharon Rutledge, Mitchell Van Dyk, Lynnell Hudey, Conrad Van Essen (online)

Call to Order: 5:33 PM

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:
 - a) 1st Lynnell Hudey
 - b) 2nd Travis Davies

- 2) Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2025 meeting:
 - a) 1st Travis Davies
 - b) 2nd Lynnell Hudey

- 3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge): April & May 2025

The Palliser Numeracy Professional Learning Community is a dedicated group of teachers and administrators who support continued growth of math teaching and learning. Teachers are focusing on aligning instruction, supporting students who require additional help particularly in Grades K-3 where foundational skills are critical for long term success.

Palliser continues to prioritize strong Literacy Foundations, especially in the early years. This year, more than 1,000 students from K-Gr.3 received support in reading and language development. While progress has been made in creating more consistent assessment practices, changes to provincial literacy assessments have introduced some challenges.

The Palliser School Facilities Team has experienced significant changes this year. The unexpected passing of long-time Facilities Supervisor Rod Swatzenberger was deeply felt by all who knew him. Rod oversaw the planning, construction and completion of the Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary.

The team is now led by Rick Aos, Facilities Manager, and supported by Stephen O'Connor, Maintenance Supervisor who oversees Palliser's caretaking staff.

The Board reviewed progress on the strategy to strengthen Inclusive Education by implementing a new Individual Program Plan (IPP) which is more efficient and offers staff to meet a wide range of student needs with more engaged family involvement.

The Board received an update on Indigenous Education. Students enrolled in the division tend to achieve higher results on provincial tests and literacy assessments.

Trends in high school completion, fewer drop-out students and transition to post-secondary education is continuing to strengthen in a positive direction.

The Division's Financial Update shows a positive shift, with the projected deficit for 2024-2025 from \$1.36 million to approximately \$1.09 million. Additional funding

supporting dual credit programming, enrollment growth and subsidized fuel costs, have helped to offset some key expenses.

Palliser's Three-Year Education Plan will discontinue the use of "Our School" surveys as they overlap Alberta Education surveys. Instead, schools will develop local surveys to gain more meaningful information.

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

We are busy gearing up for the final 6 weeks of the school year! It's going to be busy, but there are a lot of great things happening!

- 1) I have draft calendars for everyone to take a quick look at before I finalize them.
- 2) We also had some really good feedback on our report card survey. Basically, the majority of people had this to say:
 - a) Most people felt like the report cards were a little confusing and had a harder time understanding them.
 - b) Most people preferred the additional interview dates.
 - c) Most people would like us to move to 20 minute time slots instead of 15
 - d) The majority of people also said that it would be good to have report cards on Thursday after school and Friday during the day
 - e) I asked about report cards - 47% said they preferred 3 report cards, around 45% said that fewer report cards would be fine.
- 3) A few of you have asked already, so this may be only news to some. But we will be losing a half-time teacher for next year. In order to make scheduling work, this means that we are losing our half-time music teacher.
- 4) I am in the process of hiring to replace Mrs. Slusar's grade 1/2 position.
- 5) We will also be losing EA hours for next year, but nothing has been finalized yet.
- 6) We had an awesome greenhouse grand opening celebration. A big thanks to the parents who came to check it out, as well as Wesley from Palliser who organized CTV news to come out. If you haven't seen the news report yet, you should check it out online!
- 7) Just a reminder that our running club is still going on - we have our "get soaked!" Event on Wednesday of this week (weather permitting) and our final day will be next Thursday (pizza party at lunch!). Feel free to join us!
- 8) We have our Poetry and Popsicles event on Thursday. We would love for parents to join us!

Time slot:	Teacher:
8:45 - 9:30	Mrs. Jesse - Gr 6
9:30 - 10:00	Mrs. Hass - Gr 5
10:45 - 11:15	Mr. Johnston
12:45 - 1:30	Mrs. Pascal & Mrs. Klassen
1:30 - 2:00	Mrs. Hudey

2:30 -3:30	Mrs. Slusar
------------	-------------

9) We have booked KONA ice snow cones and Raymond Pool swimming for June 25th, the last day of school.

5) Old Business:

- a) Track and Field/ Year end breakfast June 5 (Davis BBQ)
- b) Grand opening Green house- update
- c) Poetry and Popsicles May 22

6) New Business:

- a) Strike update
- b) Barn Dance update
- c) Alternating start dates for parents council
 - i) We will decide this in September
- d) June Meeting(After-school program, Meet the teacher night date)
- e) Next year calendar
- f) Bus routes for next year
 - i) Looking at making bus 3 route smaller
- g) Idea - community volunteers to support reading next year?

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

- a) A HUGE thank you to everyone for the barn dance!
- b)

Adjournment: 6:06 PM

Next Meeting: June 10th @ 4:00 PM