

April 9, 2025 School Council Minutes - Sunnyside School

In attendance: Ger Gratton, Jennifer Knutt, Bobbie Geo Gschaid, Britnee Pavan, Whitney Schimanski, Travis Davies, Megan Jackson (online), Daicya Munton, Mitchell Van Dyk, Jen Schwartz, Sarah Orr (online), Kaylee Lowe, Abby Nelson (online), Lynell Hudey

Call to Order: 4:07

- 1) Additions and Approval of Agenda:
 - a) 1st Ger Gratton
 - b) 2nd Bobbie Geo Gschaid

- 2) Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2025 meeting:
 - a) 1st Travis Davies
 - b) 2nd Whitney Schimanski

- 3) Trustee's Report (Sharon Rutledge):
 - a) Tabled until next meeting

4) Principal's Report (Mitchell Van Dyk)

April is here! This is a bit of a strange month for us at Sunnyside - the 2 week break combined with the barn dance means that it is going to be an interesting month!

- 1) I have started working on our calendar for next year. I should have a draft ready for some consultation by the next meeting (hopefully).
- 2) As you have probably heard from a few students, Mrs. Slusar is retiring. She has spent many, many years (I'm pretty sure over 20!) at Sunnyside. We are looking forward to celebrating her and will invite parents to join us!
- 3) We have chosen our words of the month for the rest of the year. April is Create! May is Grit and June is Celebrate. We really enjoy chatting about these with the students and coming up with fun activities to do to teach students about these skills.
- 4) We have a fun pottery event coming up in May for all students. They will have a chance to create their own pottery which will then be fired in a kiln and glazed! I think we will be asking for parent volunteers, so if you are able, we would love to have you! Here are the dates:
 - a) Monday May 5 - all morning - Gr 1/2 - Klassen
 - b) Monday May 5 - all afternoon Gr 1/2 - Slusar

 - c) Tuesday May 6 - all morning- Gr 3/4- Hudey
 - d) Tuesday May 6 - all afternoon - Gr 3/4- Johnston

- e) Wednesday May 7 - all morning - Gr 5 & 6
 - f) Wednesday May 7 - all afternoon - Kindergarten
 - 5) Just a reminder to kindergarten parents that kindergarten students start coming to school on Wednesdays, starting on April 30th.
 - 6) A HUGE thank-you to everyone for participating in our popcorn fundraiser. Last I checked with Ms. Becky, we had sold over \$10,000 in popcorn!
 - 7) I will be sending out a survey after the break looking for parent feedback on our extra interview dates and our report card changes this year. Please keep an eye out for it - we would love your feedback!
 - 8) There was a mediator's recommendation for teachers (in regards to bargaining a new contract). Teachers will be voting on it during the first week of May.
 - 9) As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!
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- 5) Old Business:
 - a) -Track and Field - tentative date Thursday June 5th, staff oversees
 - b) -Year end breakfast- tentative date Thursday June 5th, for family and community. Daicya over-see.
 - c) - greenhouse update - tables & chairs have been set up, soil in and have started planting. Looking great.
 - 6) New Business:
 - a) - Grand opening date for greenhouse- tentative date May 15th.
 - b) - Poetry and Popsicles- tentative date May 22nd. Encourage all kids to memorize a poem to recite, parents welcome to come watch.
 - c) Student Council update- kids have suggested 3 fun days throughout the year, we've had the 12 days of Christmas, dress like a teacher day, and plan for a full day of school learning outside.
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- 7) Celebrations and/or Thank-you's:
 - a) Thank you to the Barn Dance Committee
 - b) Big shout out to Becky who quietly makes things around the school happen. And to the amazing staff that really care and work hard for our kids, creating a positive and safe learning environment!!

Adjournment: 4:33 PM

Next Meeting: Wed May 20th, 5:30pm