

Sunnyside School Council
Minutes of September 10, 2015

Attendees: Connie Adserballe, Susan Ayerhart, Alix Hirsche, Amy Hass, Esther Willms, Melissa Honess, Andrea Klassen, Monica Chapman, Tara Rasmussen, Amy Rombough

Call to Order 3:50 pm

1. Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda moved by Alix, seconded by Connie, passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes for June 11, 2015
Motion to approve minutes moved by Amy, seconded by Connie, passed unanimously.
3. Principal's Report
 - a) A Parade of Honor for graduating Grade 12 Students that attended Sunnyside was held back in June. It was featured at Admin meetings throughout Palliser and was a great way to end the year. The students all were really excited to see the older kids that are now graduating. It would be great to do this each year and build on it and have previous students come back for us to congratulate them on their high school graduation.
 - b) Its Criminal Record Check time!! Anyone that will be wanting to drive for fieldtrips or working with the kids at anytime will be required to have a record check done and on file with the school/Palliser.
 - c) Sunnyside was able to get a Part Time teacher to help with the large Grade 3/4 class. This year it's looking like there will be 115 kids attending Sunnyside, compared to 80 kids in June 2014. Space will be optimized and the music class has been moved to the gym and out of the library. The computers have been moved into the library.
 - d) There is a new email system for the school that should now be more effective.
 - e) Just a reminder that the supervision times for the school are 8:15 – 3:45, please drop off & pick up kids within these times.
 - f) On Sept 21, there will be a new online method of paying for school business. School Fees, etc. will be able to be paid online.
 - g) School Goals are being worked on. As a school the teachers are working on reading still, but with a focus on writing this year.
4. School Board Report – Esther Willms
 - a) Numerous things continued over the summer including Palliser Beyond Borders, the Summer Slide initiative, the arrival of 9 Brazilian students and maintenance of school property: the first international student to complete a Palliser course online was from Hong Kong; 4 students participated in 'reading camp' and loved it; 7 students from Brazil are attending KAHS while 2 are attending PBHS for a semester
 - b) The faith-based alternative program has expanded to incorporate Calgary Islamic schools: 100 plus staff, 1300 students on 2 campuses representing 20 different countries from around the world
 - c) The search for a location for a Calgary Outreach School continues
 - d) Opening Day celebrations in Vulcan were bigger than ever before but went very smoothly
 - e) Wall of Fame inductees (Ron Nikkel, originally from John Davidson in Coaldale and 2 brothers, Adam and John Beriault from Menno Simons in Calgary) were inspiring and demonstrated deep gratitude for their early educational experiences: their speeches can be accessed on our website
 - f) A first-ever Ambassador Award was presented to Dan Doerksen, our Low German-speaking Mennonite liaison worker: "An ambassador promotes, supports and campaigns on an organization's behalf with dignity, humility and enthusiasm" – a quote from the presentation speech in Vulcan
 - g) Think of Us on the Bus campaign is being supported in the form of radio ads by Minute Muffler this year – we are so grateful! The Lethbridge Herald and Sunny South News provide great coverage as well. The first day of classes, 2 fly-bys were each rewarded with \$544 fines, thanks to the quick thinking of the bus driver who caught both incidents on the bus camera and a motorist who called in with identifying information
 - h) Online payment of school fees is now available which should make things more convenient for parents

i) The Organizational Meeting was held with Colleen Deitz returning as Chair and Robert Straus accepting the Vice-Chair nomination

j) School numbers are fluctuating almost daily, but we hope to be very close to or even above projections by September 30!

5. Old Business

Playground Update

September 15th is the deadline to reapply for the grant. The committee is moving forward with the sport court and working on the hoops. The committee is wanting to meet with Darren from Palliser to see if the fence can be moved on the south side of the sport court to increase parking.

6. New Business

Sock-Hop:

Everything is good to go - just need parents to supervise their kids.

Turkey Bingo:

Friday November 6th will be Turkey Bingo this year.

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. moved by Alix, seconded by Amy R., passed unanimously.
Next meeting: Thursday, October 8th, 2015 at 3:45pm