



School Community Council

SCC Meeting Minutes

Date:	October 10 th , 2017 6:30pm	Location:	Palliser Heights Library
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Attendees:		
Role	Name	Status
School Principal	Mr. Jonathan McLean	Present
School Vice -Principal	Mrs. Nadine Elder	Present
Teacher Representative	Andrew Gallagher	Present
	Claire Kreuger	Present
PSSD Board Representative	Tim McLeod	Present
SCC Chair	Tenielle McLeod	Present
SCC Vice-Chair	Teri Bourdages	Present
SCC Treasurer	Cory Kerr	-
SCC Secretary	Shay-Anne Schier	Present
Parent Member(s)	Corey Atkinson	-
	Tammy Hutchinson	Present
	Tanya Ismond	Present
	Jasmine Jackman	-
	Niki Patrosh	Present
Member(s) at Large	Burk Reiman	Present
	Scott Osmachenko	Present
	Darla Smith Harkness	Present
	Erin Hildebough	Present
	Leslie Bechard	Present
	Valerie Snider	Present

Agenda:

Palliser Heights SCC

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 @6:30

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Principal Report

1. Principal Report
2. PSSD Board Report
3. Teacher Report
4. Chair/Committee Report
5. Next Meeting



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Meeting Minutes

1. Principal Report

Event Updates:

- The Terry Fox Run was a success. We raised approximately \$1400
- Tomorrow is a Food Drive for non-perishable food items. Palliser Heights is known for their large donations to the Food Bank and we hope to receive a large amount this year as well.
- SRC Haunted House Coming up Oct 26th.
 - o Students are very engaged and are loving planning it!

Mission Statement:

- We already have our Vision Statement and now need to finalize our Mission Statement. Following this will be the Guiding Principles.
- Handing out a sheet that staff have been working on and looking to get SCC feedback.
 - o Mini Discussion/ Workshop

Transportation Update & Student Safety:

- We need to work on the issue with transportation and double runs as discussed in the previous meeting with Barry Stewart.
- Palliser Heights busses are returning to the school earlier than originally anticipated.
- Looking into the possibility of rolling back the end time to what it was previously, but maintaining the later start to the day (As dictated by the bussing system). This would result in a shorter lunch break.
 - o Both the eating time and play time would be shortened.
 - o There seem to be more kids staying at lunch as opposed to going home as compared to the past.
 - o Feedback from other schools that have shortened their lunch break is that it has been successful and very positive.
- If a change like this was made, how much lead time would need to be provided to the parents and staff of the school?
 - o What would be a reasonable lead time
 - Couple weeks? 4 weeks?
 - Should be done before the snow flies.
 - Mid November / Early December for implementation seems like enough time, yet early enough to be implemented before winter.

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Discussion about the amount of kids in this school

- Question from a parent regarding the amount of kids in the school. Do we turn away kids? How does it work? Do we have too many in the school already?
 - o We are the catchment for all public French, thus bus from all of Moose Jaw and area. However, our English student catchment is only for the surrounding area. Anyone with an English student that does not reside in our area must apply for a boundary exemption. There are not many of these cases in the student population.
 - o Significant influx of Kindergarten students this year as compared to most schools. There are 98 Kindergarten students.
 - o Tim McLeod explained that the school sizes vs student population are an issue for the board and government. The Board calculated percentage per square foot to determine how "full" a school is. Palliser currently sits at 116% full. Where, for example, Sunningdale is 135% full and therefore they have been approved to get another module added to their school. The government doesn't address additions to schools until it reaches closer to 120%.
 - o The schools are meant to be full. That is their intended design.

Palliser Heights in the Media:

- Situation that was brought to light today has made it's way into the media (including national news)
- Teacher photocopied outdated materials, including a worksheet that was sent out to the students. That worksheet contained words that are deemed inappropriate by today's standards.
- Palliser staff have been working through mitigating this issue and the Teacher in question has been able to remedy it and issued an apology.
- The school is taking this opportunity to learn from this mistake and determine ways to mitigate it in the future.

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2. PSSD Board Report

Addressing items in the media:

- Regarding the item that arose today:
 - o The board has been watching it from where they sit and is happy with the steps that the school has been taking to address it.
- Regarding issues that Prairie South School Division has been dealing with regarding curriculum and content that was presented to Grade 9 students in a school within the division:
 - o Lots of media coverage
 - o PSSD have launched their own investigation and are addressing any questions that are brought forward.
 - o If there are any questions, please forward them to Tim or other members of the PSSD and they will be happy to discuss them.

General Update:

- Brian Swanson can not attend our Tuesday SCC meetings as it conflicts with a Transportation meeting that he is part of. As such, Mary Jukes will be attending as an additional trustee for the Palliser Heights SCC Meetings.

3. Teacher Report

Library:

- Requesting volunteers for the upcoming Book Fair: Nov 14 – Nov 16
- Assistance with set up and administrations

Fundraiser Question from a parent:

- Gold Cards – concern regarding fundraising when we are a public school
- Tenielle to resend a list of items we have purchased with fundraising for the school and to work on getting the message out to more parents.

Grade 8 Ski Trips

- Requesting Funding for 75 high vis vests
- Mr Gallagher to investigate costs and propose at the next meeting

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Tarmac painting

- Teachers are very thankful for the efforts of painting games onto the tarmac! It has been amazing to add items within the school yard and the kids are still as excited today as they were the first day.

Treaty 4 Opportunity

- Treaty 4 Club from Riverview came to drum with our drum club. A board wide initiative that was a great event!

Palliser Students in the news – positive!

- Times Harald reporter came in to present to a Grade 8 class. The teacher asked the students to write a reflection on what they learned and in the end, some of those reflections were published in the Friday paper.

4. Chair/Committee Reports

Curriculum Presentations to Parents:

- If it seems appropriate and helpful, then maybe the SCC can offer information sessions for parents to attend to allow curriculum to be discussed with them so that they are aware of what is being taught to their students.

Finance Update:

- Showing just over \$11k, but there are some items that need to come out so approximately \$10k.

Traffic Signs:

- As per the discussion in the previous meeting, Tenielle sent a letter to Lindale and St. Mike schools/SCCs to see if they would support and group together with us to address the issues regarding traffic between our three schools. Both schools are in board and happy to join forces.
- Tenielle will start action as soon as Barry reports back to her regarding the direction of the city transportation group.

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School Stencils:

- Thanks to everyone that came out to help!
- Interest in getting a hop-sotch stencil as one does not currently exist in the inventory. We could purchase it as an SCC. A basic one is \$119.
 - o Group is happy with this idea and agrees that we should purchase one.

Gold Cards:

- Last day to collect orders is October 13th
- Need lots of help this Friday or Saturday to count and organize all forms in order to have them returned by Tuesday the 17th.
- Tenielle will send out an email for volunteers and pick the day that has the most able to help.

SCC Lunches

- First one has been organized:
 - o Boston Pizza
 - o Oct 24th & 25th
 - o Cash only. No cheques.
- There are 10 kids that are part of Hunger in Moose Jaw. Will the SCC pay for their meals?
 - o Absolutely YES.

School Cash

- Need to determine a test case to try out the online school cash options.
- Suggestion to choose one class to try this out.

Education Week:

- o October 15-20, 2017. Theme is "Building our future by learning together"
- What are options that our SCC could do to support it?
- Last year we supplied cards to students to write a note to whomever they chose. Notes that went to the teachers were very well received and cherished by the teachers.
- Mr. Gallagher is setting up an initiative of a "brick wall" that will involve all classes.
 - o Let the SCC know if there is someway to help.
- Suggestion to get cards for the students to fill out for the teachers again.
 - o Agreed by group

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Christmas Books and Snacks:

- Suggestions to do oranges instead of cookies
 - o Agreed by everyone
- Tenielle to look in to options and prices for oranges
- Tenielle to send an email to the teachers for ideas on Christmas books.
- To be finalized during the November Meeting
- Date for delivery to be discussed amongst staff and reported to the SCC.

5. Next meeting

November 7th @6:30

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

Grade 8 Volunteers:

- *Jacob Musey*
- *Ethan Novocosky*