



# Palliser Heights Elementary School

## *School Community Council*

### **SCC Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 @ 6:30pm	<b>Location:</b>	Palliser Heights Library
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<b>Attendees:</b>		
<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>
School Principal	Stephane Gauvin	Present
Teach Representative	Andrew Gallagher	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	-
	Tanya Ismond	Present
	Jasmine Jackman	-
	Niki Patrosh	Present
Member(s) at Large	Yolanda Balaberda	Present
	Erin Hidlebaugh	Present

### **Agenda:**

Palliser Heights SCC  
**Monday, May 15@6:30**  
**Library**

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



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#### **1. Principal Report**

##### Student Engagement Reports:

- This is a survey that every school in Saskatchewan takes. Palliser Heights chooses to collect the data the week before Easter and consistently uses that time of year to assist in year to year analysis.
- Two separate reports provided. One for grades 4/5/6 and another for grade 7/8.
- School goal to achieve 80% of student engagement. The report dissects student engagement into 9 separate sections
- Noted a level of disengagement and anxiety with grade 4-6 boys this year. This needs to be analyzed further to determine what is causing this. Typical age 4-6 is higher and then it drops off grade 6, 7, & 8. Last year a sense of belonging at the 7/8 level was about 64% of students, where this year it is 74%.
- School focused a lot on the middle year kids to make sure they feel included and be part of the community and make those connections. Hard to know if the change in numbers is due to these efforts or simply due to the fact that it is a different group of kids this year.
- These reports provide the opportunity to review the same group of kids as they progress from year to year (last year's Grade 7s are this year's Grade 8's)
- There is an opportunity as an SCC, to hone in to a group that we would like to engage with if we felt there was an area of concern.
  - o Ex. Bring in speakers for students, parents, and support with trips for identified groups.
- Lots of opportunity to see a cross section of questions. Need to know that there are outside influences that affect it, such as recent altercation.

##### Vision Statement for the school:

- Committee narrowed the vision statement options down to the top 5.
- School is collecting votes from teaches, students and now request SCC involvement.
- The vision statement will be translated into French and Cree.

##### Update to the School Name:

- Adding the word "Ecole" to the front of the school name. "Ecole Palliser Heights School".
- Meeting with the school board in June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 regarding the proposed change.



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### Heart Garden Ceremony on June 2nd:

- Enviro Paving will be complete by the end of May. Thank you to the SCC for supporting that initiative.
- Planning for next year: September 15<sup>th</sup>, have a treaty 4 ceremony. Would be great to fly the treaty 4 flag within the heart garden. Will require a flag pole.
- REQUEST TO THE SCC – to consider covering the cost of a flag pole in the heart garden. Approximate cost of \$1600.

### The Magical Land of OZ – Musical:

- The dress rehearsals have been very great and the students in the school were invited to watch the dress rehearsals.
- Show is on Wednesday night at 7:00pm

### PSSD Budget effects on the Palliser Heights School, for the 2017/18 School Year:

- Kindergarten will be full day every second day.
- School is adopting a 6 day calendar rotation.
  - o Request to have the 6 day calendar printed into the front of the student agenda for next year.
- Bussing: there will be no noon bussing, which applies to pre-k. (Pre-k is still ½ day classes but no bussing). To reduce cost for bussing, schools are sharing busses. This has been done at other schools in Moose Jaw already. Palliser Heights will now share busses with Prince Arthur School. A computer program in the transportation department is ensuring the most efficient bus routes are determined.
- Staffing: Palliser Heights will receive another .5 support person for the front office and 3 new staff members. Postings have gone out this week

### Staff Changes and Numbers for 2017/2018 School Year:

- 1 staff retirement.
- 57 Grade 8's.
- 88 kindergartens coming up. Working through the logistics of the classes. There may need to be 3 kindergarten French classes.
- Current posting for the Principal of Palliser Heights. Mr. Gauvin has accepted the position of Central Collegiate Principal for the upcoming school year.

## **2. Board Report**

### Budget:

- Board feeling really good right now. Originally feared a loss of teachers. Only had to change the PTR (PTR = Pupil Teacher Ratio) by 1 student. Doing so resulted in less teacher loss. Most of job loss is restrained to the board itself as positions within the board office have been reduced.
- The boards' directive was to keep the cuts out of the classroom.



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- Schools that are growing are less impacted. Schools that are declining are losing staff.
- Reductions in consultants. There were 12.5 positions, and 4 positions have been eliminated. This will be achieved through retirements and consultants returning to classrooms.

### Grad Coach Model:

- The board is introducing a Grad Coach model. Lloydminster and Prince Albert have this type of program and it has been successful.
- This program is designed to keep students that are having a hard time staying engaged within the school system by having them go to this 'Grad Coach'. This is not like a guidance counselor. This more like a home room teacher in a class setting. Make sure the individual student's needs are being met. The Grad Coach is in touch with those that are in trouble with the law.
- There will be 3.5 Grad Coaches spread out across MJ + Assiniboia high schools.
- John Chisholm Alternate School will be affected by this program as these students previously attended that school as opposed to staying in their current school.

### Bussing:

- As discussed in the Principal Report, the bussing has been reduced.
- Rural schools are more affected by addressing the "Dual Catchment" scenario (in that there was a "grey" area where families could choose to send their kids either to school A or school B. Now there will be a line that is drawn and busses will only pick up the kids to bring them to the school they are assigned to.

### **3. Teacher Report**

- Thank you for the Shrek Reading Challenge. It has been a huge success across many of the classes.
- Thank you for the support of the Heart Garden. A Heart Garden ceremony is taking place on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone welcome to check out the caterpillars that have turned into butterflies that the SCC purchased. The butterflies will be released at the ceremony.

### **4. Chair/Committee Reports**

#### Financial Report:

- Account current sitting around \$7700 mark. Sam is working on it to get it through the financial systems.

#### Bike Rodeo:

- Is taking place the morning of May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Currently have 10 parent volunteers. Need to set up the water under the trees



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this year to provide shade.

- Police presentation will be in the gym first thing in the morning, and then the grade 1-3 students can come out and participate in the parade.
- Set up will start as soon as the morning busses are gone.
- There will be two identical areas set up to allow quicker throughput. ½ where the big kids go, ½ in front of the school.
- Grades 1-3. Split the younger ones from the older ones into the two areas.
- Grade 6 volunteers would be welcome. Preferably 2 students per station. 8 stations per side, therefore 32 students.
- The MJ Pavers Bike Club will not be in attendance this year.
- Glenda will be donating a helmet that will be given as a prize.

### Shrek Reading Challenge:

- Will finish on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Hand out last of prizes. Following week to determine who the winning classes are.
- Grade 8's not engaged; need to determine if there will be changes to the reading challenge next year.
- This year the duration of the challenge was extended. Feedback that it might have been too long. Many families started with gusto and have lost wind. Many may still be reading, just not completing the Shrek cards.
- Success Story: One of the teachers is adding stickers to the students' locker when they hand in a reading card. Visual incentive.

### Survey Monkey:

- Tenielle has a test email to send out with a Survey regarding SCC engagement. Asking the SCC members to fill it out to test the process. Intent to send to the Palliser families to receive feedback on the SCC and how to get more families engaged.

### Gold Card Fundraiser:

- Last year the winners received a limo ride for people whom sold 10 cards. Suggestion to give a limo ride to those who sell 8 in the upcoming year. Maybe there could be pizza gifts for the younger kids?
- Richard (Gold Card rep – would cover ½ of the cost of the limo).
- Intent to have the fundraiser at the end of the September.
- Will not provide an actual sample of the gold card this year as many were not returned, nor paid for.
- Request to put a reminder in the School's June Newsletter that is emailed out to parents to let them know it is coming again.



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In-service for New SCC Members – May 11th.

- Had good information presented at the in-service.
- Interesting information that needs to be looked into further is the statement that "SCC's are supposed to approve all fundraising events in the school." Assumed the desire is to ensure there is a reduced overlap and reduced "donner fatigue". Will be discussed at a later date.

### **5. Next meeting**

- June 12<sup>th</sup> – potluck in the McLeod's backyard to start at 6:00/6:30pm.
- Will arrange transportation for the Grade 8's that have volunteered to babysit during the SCC Meetings. Will present gifts for the Grade 8's at the potluck.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm**