



Palliser Heights Elementary School

School Community Council

SCC Meeting Minutes

Date:	Sept 9 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
	Barry Stewart	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	Present
	Niki Patrosh	-
Member(s) at Large	Burk Reiman	
	Scott Osmachenko	
	Steve Cameron	
	Erin Hildebough	
	Sarah Taylor – Duff	
	Valerie Snider	

Agenda:

Palliser Heights SCC
Tuesday, September 9th, 2017 @6:30
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- Principal Report
1. PSSD Board Report
 2. Principal Report
 3. Teacher Report
 4. Chair/Committee Report
 5. Next Meeting



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1. Principal Report

New Vision Statement:

- Last year a new vision statement was selected:
 “Aspire to achieve, achieve to inspire”
 “Aspirer à réussir, réussir à inspirer”
- Looking into making the vision statement tri-lingual (English, French, Cree)
- Working on the mission statement.

New School Year Updates:

- Approximate Students (new enrollments still coming in):
 - o 323 English Students + 372 French Immersion Students = 695 Total Students
 - o New Principal and Vice-Principal
 - o Many new teachers and support staff this year

School Goals:

- There was a LIP Planning Session. One of last year's goals 85% of students to comprehend what they read by end of the year. Started the school year at 80% and finished with 79%. Therefore last year we maintained our reading comprehension. (For reference, 2 years ago the school was at 65%.)
- Student engagement goal. 80% of students to feel engaged amongst their peers and class. Finished the year with 83% of the students.

Big Changes:

- School hours. 9:05 – 11:55, 12:50 – 3:45
- Full day kindergarten
- Changed from a 5 day to a 6 day cycle.
- Daily timetable switched from 8 to 10 periods.

Introduction to Chrome Books:

- Last year we were part of a Pilot project using Chrome Books. Last week got the wireless infrastructure in the school was upgraded and Palliser is going to move forward with purchasing Chrome books for the kids.
- A Chrome Book is essentially a laptop without a harddrive. Power of it is that it has heavy collaboration and utilizes the cloud. Great for students and teachers.



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Upcoming Events:

- 3rd Annual Tipi Raising Ceremony - 1:00pm Friday Sept 15th
- Lockdown Drill – Tuesday Sept 19th. MJ Police are helping to run it.
- Welcome back BBQ – Sept 20 from 5-7pm
- Picture day Sept 21st
- Terry Fox Run in the morning of Sept 28th

2. Board Report

Board Report (Tim McLeod):

- School board met today where they restructured the organization. Tim McLeod is now the Chair and Dr. Davindson is now the Vice Chair.
- Lots of moving of people last year due to cuts, however the new org chart will be published soon.
- Reviewed teacher allocation vs enrollments. For the most part, last year's projections were accurate, resulting in minimal shuffling this year.
- New Committees: Relationships, student outcomes, business & governance.
 - o Relationship committee's goal is to ensure the board is accessible to the public. Open communication to staff and parents.

Transportation Report (Barry Stewart):

Bussing:

- Palliser Heights' timetable changes allowed for the bussing system to create dual runs in order to allow a single bus to service two schools. This initiative has provided millions of dollars in savings.
- Unfortunately, the new timing of the Palliser Busses has created a congestion in the bus lane at the end of the school day.
 - o Previously, there were two waves of school busses, now they all arrive at the same time, creating congestion.
- There is a temporary plan in place to alleviate the congestion, but a permanent solution needs to be developed before the weather turns bad.
- Discussion surrounding last year's SCC proposed to changes to the city regarding the lane next to the school sidewalk. There may be options to leverage that existing work and add the school board's name behind it as well.
- (Discussion amongst the group regarding potential options to resolve the issue)
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11th Ave Traffic and Pedestrian Issues:

- Concern about the lack of school markings for the entrance to Palliser. It is an issue for pedestrians to cross 11th to get to Palliser.
- Possibly option to get better traffic control between Lindale, Pallier & St. Mikes as



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there are approximately 1300 kids + parents in this area between the three schools.

- Recommendation put forward to have Lindale + Palliser + St Mikes SCCs to get together to discuss options to better all three schools.

3. Teacher Report

Playgrounds:

- - With so many students, the teachers are wondering if it would be worth looking into a new play structure as the existing ones are congested.
- - Suggest adding a Middle Years Structure.
- - Ideal spot half way between the two playgrounds.
- - Can't apply for the matched funds for another 2 years, but there can be a fundraising effort.

WE Day:

- There is no longer a WE day in Sask as corporate sponsorship have been pulled.
- As a result, this year Palliser Heights will reinstate a Student Representative Council (SRC).
- Student led committee.
- Students can drive the fundraising for the playground.

Student Integration:

- Would like to make more effort in getting the English and French students to integrate and play together more.

Heart Garden:

- Thank you to the SCC for helping to pay for the Enviro paving. It was installed and completed this year.
- The area looks really sharp now. Huge improvement.
- Lots of interest in the heart garden from both students and teachers.
- Would like to continue to build the outside portion of the heart garden.
- Friday at 1:00ish there will be the treaty 4 celebration. Assembly at 1:00 with dancers and drummers, raise a treaty 4 flag.

4. Chair/Committee Reports

Goals for the year:

- Reading Challenge
- Bike Rodeo
- Books at Christmas



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- Gold Card Fundraiser
- Hot Lunches
- And more...

Gold Card Fundraiser:

- Gold card kicks off on September 22nd.
- There will be no sample cards going out this year.
- When all the orders come in, we need to turn around the results and cards quickly this year.
- Last year's created \$10k.
- Might be able to leverage the online payment option this year.

Hot Lunch Fundraisers

- \$ 600-800 comes in from each Hot Lunch
- Are there options to use a punch card? Or the ability to always charge \$5? Will need to look into these options.

Other Fundraiser Ideas:

- Chocolates?
- Oranges?
- SCC needs to know whom is fundraising in the school, so that we don't deplete the fundraising options and get fatigue amongst our parents.

Outdoor Play Area:

- Outdoor play structure templates. Division has the stencils. Mme Nailer has the paint and a layout plan of what games can go where. We need volunteers.
- The two igloos have been purchased. Need to have them put together. They are not meant to be a "monkey bar" structure, thus will wait until closer to winter.

5. Next meeting

First Tuesday of the month @ 6:30:

- Oct 10th @ 6:30

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm

Grade 8 Volunteers:

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| - <i>Ethan Novecosky</i> | - <i>Shaylee Reidy</i> |
| - <i>Ali Rattee</i> | - <i>Emily McAuley</i> |
| - <i>Ellie Rogers</i> | - <i>Emma Watson</i> |