

Jennie Emery Elementary  
*Virtual* - School Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:02 PM

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Toni Klassen (Secretary / Treasurer), Nora Chomistek (Chairperson), Tanya Conrad (Co-Treasurer), Nadine Indenbosch (Vice-Chairperson), Nikki Kwiakowski (ELP Rep), Debbie Laturnus (Trustee), Sharon Rutledge (Trustee), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Amy Kerr (Vice Principal), Megan Leusink (Vice Principal), Jadene Robinson, Glenda Martens, Holly McNair, John Koot, Gulnara Stepanova

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

a. ADDITIONS - None

b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - 1<sup>st</sup> Curtis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Toni, none opposed. Approved

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES

a. APPROVAL OF FEB 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – Changes sent to Toni from Nora. 1<sup>st</sup> Nora, 2<sup>nd</sup> Curtis, none opposed. Carried.

5. REPORTS

a. TRUSTEE – See attached.

b. PRINCIPAL - Our school calendar for the 2022 / 2023 school year is nearly complete. Curtis will be sharing this with the staff shortly.

c. CHAIRPERSON – Bylaws have been mailed away and they will be updated on the school website shortly. Nora also found out that the society has a filing cabinet in the school. She went through and destroyed documents older than 7 years. Everything going forward is going to be digitalized so the cabinet was donated to the school.

6. VIRTUAL VS IN-PERSON MEETINGS GOING FORWARD – Group agreed to doing a mixture of in-person and online meetings.

7. NEW BUSINESS - None

8. NEXT MEETING: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – In Person

9. ADJOURNMENT – 7:36 PM

## **March 2022 Board Meeting Highlights**

### **Satisfaction with Education in Alberta Surveys**

Between February 25 and May 2022, Advanis Inc. has been contracted to conduct the annual satisfaction telephone/online surveys for the Ministry of Education to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers, principals, school board trustees, and employers of recent high school graduates. There are several purposes of the surveys including determining satisfaction with the overall quality of the education system, the education system meeting the needs of students, schools providing a safe, caring and inclusive environment for students and preparation of students for lifelong learning, employment and active citizenship.

### **National Sport School Olympic Athletes**

Student athlete Ale Loutitt, a grade 12 student at the National Sports School in Calgary, made Canada and the district proud with her Bronze medal performance in the Mixed Team Ski Jumping event at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics in February. As well, 22 former National Sport School students were also participants in these Winter Olympics.

Family School Liaison Counselling Program In 2021, the Palliser School Division Family School Liaison Counselling Program team increased from nine to 18 members consisting of full-time and part-time counsellors, externally funded counsellors and practicum students. Increased support at each school has provided more consistent and meaningful mental health and wellness support to students and families including connections to community mental health/crisis resources and connections to the Making Connections Workers, providing a holistic approach to support. Moving forward, there will be continued emphasis on providing adequate staffing to meet the growing needs of staff and students along with continued emphasis on supporting Palliser Administration and educational staff to implement a trauma-informed approach in the classroom.

### **Human Resource Services Accountability Report**

Human Resource Services completed approximately 6200 tasks from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 including coordinating the allocation of approximately 554 FTE teachers, 465 FTE non-certified staff and allocation of support staff hours to schools for the 2021-22 school year. Human Resource Services plays a key role in bargaining with the Alberta Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 290. Human Resource Services will be losing two key team members at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year due to retirement. The team is dedicated to ensuring The Palliser School Division is able to provide an exceptional learning experience for all students, by making certain we have outstanding staff throughout the division and supporting them so they can serve our students.

The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

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5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Funds were received from the Kinsmen and Kinettes Club for the One School One Book. One cheque was cashed leaving us with a balance of \$61,573.61. More field trip requests have been sent in. The only grades that have yet to send anything is the Kindergarten and grade 4 classes. The Scientists in School funds have also not had many requests Toni requested that teachers are reminded of these funding.

6. GYM PADDING – As per Curtis this has been ordered, we have still not received a final price at this time. We are being told that the Society's portion should be close to what we budgeted for.

7. EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

a. HOT LUNCH (Suzi) – The online ordering is almost setup so students should be seeing this soon. The hot lunches will all be pre-planned for the year so parents can sign up for them all at once. Curtis also mentioned that he could get the food truck from Swirls to the school. The group agreed that having this at Fun Day would be a great idea.

b. TEACHER APPRECIATION – The sub-committee is working on coming up with some ideas and will update the group once they have narrowed the options down.

c. FUNDRAISING-GROWING SMILES (Nora) – The group decided that the final day to have orders in will be April 20<sup>th</sup> with ordered arriving May 4<sup>th</sup>.

d. NEW ITEMS – Megan put forward that the school have a wellness day. Some examples would be for the kids to create something or a track and field day. This is still in the planning stages and more information will come once more planned out.

8. ASCE SCHOOL COUNCIL GRANT, \$500 – Tabled until next meeting.

9. INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND UPDATE – Nora and Curtis met with Rod and Mike with maintenance. They were wanting to be sure that the equipment that we selected would work with Southern Alberta's climate, Nora looked into this and this is not an issue. Maintenance also wanted to know what companies we were looking at and said that they just finished up a project with Play Quest. They were really happy with how great Play Quest was to work with and their workmanship. Out of the companies we have been looking into Play Quest was the better priced out of them. We also went over the location of the new equipment. They said it should be placed out towards the field. Next Jackie, Play Quest consultant, came to have a look at the space. She is taking back the information to the design team and they will come up with some ideas and prices for the group within the next two weeks. Play Quest also has their own grant writing team which we will look further into. It was also asked if the timing of the construction mattered but Rod said the last one that was done only took a week or two. Curtis said that if that is the timeline we would be looking at then doing it during the school year shouldn't be an issue.

10. NEW BUSINESS – Toni asked if the class pictured were going to be done again this year. Curtis informed us that class pictures will be done when spring pictures are done since the restrictions have been lifted giving us the ability to do so.

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