

Sunnyside School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2025 from 6pm

Present: Anne, Jani, Stuart, Mike, Christie, Lindsey

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
4. School updates
 - a. Lindsey Betcher update: Seed School for Grades 5/6, similar program as City Hall School. Involves exploration of downtown, journalling. Guiding question for students is “What makes a strong, caring community and what is my role in community?” To scaffold towards this field trip, classrooms have been:
 - i. Doing community walks and asking questions about community infrastructure to observe and address questions
 - ii. Writing multi paragraph narratives about how they contribute to community.
 - iii. Working on designing their own public space. (D&D café, library, etc)
 - b. Shannon Muir update:
 - i. Library: Tradespeople have been working to remove carrels and unnecessary electrical. Next steps is fixing floor, painting, shelving
 - ii. Boy’s bathroom ceiling needs to be updated
 - iii. Gym will be getting new flooring, removing the climber permanently
 - iv. Formal process to change the school logo, but can begin with a vote and then ordering swag
 - v. Another bottle drive Feb 19
 - vi. New library purchase of “Superflex Series” to support social development
 - vii. Many residencies coming up:
 1. Open minds - Stampede School Grade 1,2 March 2-6 Mrs. Tokovenko \$2500
 2. Open minds - Stampede School Grade 1,2 March 9-13 Ms. Richard \$2500
 3. Grade 5,6 Open Minds Seed School April 6 - 10 Ms. Betcher \$2500
 4. Grade 5,6 Open Minds Seed School April 13-17 Ms. Lang \$2500
 5. Grade 3,4 Update - April/May Telus Spark, CPAWS (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society along with continuing place/land-based learning Riley Park (then/now) <https://cpaws.org/>

6. Outdoor School at Camp Chief Hector - May 4-7~\$400 per student
 7. Trickster (new dates) May 11-14 \$5200
 8. Elder Shirley May 11 and 12-reschedule due to Trickster conflict \$1000
 9. Lacrosse? Fridays? \$600
 10. Soccer John May/June weekly \$1500
 11. Kiwanis Cup June 12-14 (Friday at 7pm, Saturday/Sunday 9 - 5pm) - Jerseys \$500
- viii. 4 Stationary bikes have arrived, will be introduced in Feb
5. Literacy Project (Anne): Ripple Foundation Program "Writing for Kids" Club at lunchtime, good level of interest from kids (at least a dozen), could showcase strong writing at the opening of the library or similar. Anne will facilitate, others are welcome to join.
 6. Fundraising
 - a. Purdy's: Tiffany is not able to run a fundraiser this year, looking for another volunteer. Usually nets us about \$500. Most of the labour involves picking up and distributing the chocolate.
 - b. Bottle drives: Natascia is still looking for a reliable pick up, but has added another restaurant donor.
 7. Traffic: drivers are not respecting the no parking signs
 - a. Parents: please request a no idling sign for 1st Ave via 311 phone or app
 - b. Encourage active transportation: parents can drop kids off 1-2 blocks away from school and walk together; encourage use of the wheeling lanes via bike bus and bike rodeo
 - c. More formal proposal coming next month
 8. School dance, Thursday Feb 26
 - a. \$175 to rent sound system from Long & McQuade (Stuart)
 - b. Will need some volunteers
 - c. Snacks: 180 kids, candy/bubly/juice/popcorn (Christie)
 - d. Theme: Wear pink or red, friendship
 9. Other business
 - a. casino is coming up in fall 2026, need to check with casino coordinators to see if they've received a date yet.
 10. School still needs lots of volunteers for Seed School (all day commitment) and Camp Chief Hector (all week, includes overnight)