

Sunnyside School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 6pm

Present: Malcolm, Stuart, Christie, Marta, Tiffany, Mike

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
4. Business arising from minutes
5. School updates
 - a. Labour action update: return from labour action is like “September part two” in terms of getting students back on track; teachers lost almost an entire learning cycle so they are still doing some assessments. CBE has shifted some deadlines to accommodate the missing learning. Noticing a bit of “regression” in assessment data, teachers are responding to that. Teacher morale coming back was a bit low, needed to refocus and remember where things left off. At conferences, teachers will be sharing a progress report (1-page document). No official updates on the labour action through the ATA, hearing updates via the media re. lawsuits, donation of 1M from BC Teachers for the lawsuit. No job action possible for four years and legal action will move slowly also.
 - b. Work order to investigate high temperatures in rooms 7,8,9 (Grade 1,2 facing the field). Possible solutions including applying solar film to windows (\$3700) or adding A/C, which would be (>\$100K). Shannon will pursue getting the film applied in the spring.
 - c. Courtyard reno: paintings have been taken down and stored, removed cubbies, looking into steam cleaning, hoping to build an area to showcase current student learning, hopefully via the Yellow Steps residency.
 - d. Read-a-thon raised \$1351 overall, Mrs. Betcher’s class won the pizza party for most reading per class.
 - e. Bottle drive working towards Trickster Residency. September’s drive raised \$424.
 - f. Yellow Steps residencies: Residencies focus on community, landmarks, storytelling, neighbourhood with outdoor and place-based learning, looking at architecture, flora, fauna, community characteristics etc. Different focuses for the different grades.
 - Total cost of Yellow Steps residencies is \$7507.50
 - \$1200 approved in June

- \$500 approved in October
- \$5807.50 outstanding balance (APPROVED, will be paid via School Society funds)
- Additional funding requests
 - Swimming Jan-Feb: \$7,510
 - Open minds for grades 1, 2, 5, 6 March-April: \$10,000 total
 - TBD Grade 3,4: \$2,500 or less
 - Outdoor School grades 5/6 May: \$20,800
 - Trickster residency May: \$5,200
 - Elder Shirley May: \$1,000
 - Lacrosse TBD: \$600
 - Soccer John May/June: \$1,500
 - Kiwanis Cup Jerseys June: \$500
- Motion to approve \$7,510 for swimming lessons: APPROVED

6. Fun Lunch: there are ~20 kids from low income families this year, plus volunteers want to order 2 extra lunches. Cost for fun lunch is ~\$15/child, do we have funding to put towards fun lunches for kids in need.

- a. Marta is asking for \$1500 for now, to see how long it will last. We will re-evaluate after a few months to see how much money is left. Funding will come from Council, which has about \$14K. It's a 10-15% increase since last year.
- b. Motion to allocate \$1500 to Fun Lunch APPROVED

7. Banned books

- a. Could be a potential speaker at an event.
 - i. Christie will reach out to Kit Dobson about a potential talk
 - ii. MRU faculty members looking at the rights of the child

8. Halloween Dance was cancelled: replacement event?

- a. Possibly a dance in Feb, Friendship dance?
- b. Feb 26 is a good day, it's before a non instructional day
- c. Can we consider some ways of raising money during the dance?
 - i. Candy bags (make them up using candy from Costco)
 - ii. Photo booth (Christie will follow up on that)
 - iii. 50/50 draw, raffle (requires an AGLC license – Mike will investigate the paperwork)

9. Funding update

- a. Benevity for non-profit org?
 - Possible to set this up for Society?
 - Malcolm will follow up with Mike about this, seems like all we need is a charitable number.
- b. Banking: e-transfer?

- Mike will look into this, to see if past roadblocks still exist. Currently, funds moving around need to be co-signed.
- Need to onboard a new Treasurer this year so that Mike can offboard. Doesn't need to be a parent, could be anyone in our community who can join Society and is interested.

10. Notice Board

- a. Unplugged Canada connects parents who pledge not to give kids a smartphone before age 14
- b. Notices are being removed – do we need a padlock?
- c. We will include a method to submit content to the notice board.

11. Any other business

- a. Reimbursement for welcome back basket for teachers has occurred.
- b. Ways of raising morale for teachers, Shannon will consider ways Council can support.

12. Adjournment: 7:27

Next meeting: Thursday, December 11th, 2025