

Sunnyside School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2025 from 6pm

Present: Christie Hurrell, Mike Nagy, Stuart Jones, Sally Lang, Gill Roussell, Shannon Muir

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions
 - a. With gratitude, mutual respect, and reciprocity, we acknowledge the ancestral home, culture, and oral teachings of the Treaty 7 signatories which include the **Siksika Nation, Piikani Nation, Kainai Nation, the Îethka Stoney Nakoda Nation**, consisting of the **Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Good Stoney Bands**, and the people of the **Tsuut'ina Nation**. The City of Calgary is also homeland to the historic **Northwest Métis** and to the **Otipemisiwak Métis Government, Métis Nation Battle River Territory, Nose Hill Métis District 5 and Elbow Métis District 6**.

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2. Approval of agenda, moved Gill, seconded Stuart
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting, moved Mike, seconded Stuart
4. School updates
 - a. Grade teacher's update, Ms. Lang
 - i. Hands on projects: Benefits/Opportunities include higher retention rates, active engagement, critical thinking, creativity, personalized learning.
 1. Grade 5 students built and tested parachutes
 2. No language barriers, EAL students able to participate
 3. Different people having to work together, negotiating ideas
 4. Participation is safe and welcome
 - b. Principal's update, Ms. Muir
 - i. Sunnyside is in year 2 of a 3 year plan
 - ii. School dev plan guides ongoing assessment and review of goals and action
 - iii. Inputs include PATs, standardized assessments, parent survey, etc
 - iv. School goal: to improve foundational literacy
 - v. Actions include providing daily structured and explicit instruction, connecting decodable text to concepts that are taught, strategically teach high-frequency words, build/model/use sound walls, mnemonic alphabet, anchor charts
 - vi. School connects goal to well being and truth & reconciliation, diversity and inclusion

- vii. Outcome goal is that students will improve their problem solving skills
 - 1. School is also using internal measures including student and teacher perceptions
 - 2. Actions include modeling, direct instruction, role playing
 - 3. Professional learning for teachers (CASEL)
 - 4. Structures and processes including sensory room, routines, collaborative response, SLTs, plans (IPP or SSP) for individual students
 - viii. Budget: 175 students this year equates to budget of \$1.3M (higher budget last year due to more students)
 - 1. For 2024-25 there were no school fees due to parent council fundraising
 - 2. For Outdoor School, there will be some school fees required (council subsidizes ~1/3 of cost)
 - 3. There is a CBE Guide for School Fees that outlines how much schools can charge by activity
 - ix. Only 6 kindergartners registered so far, please spread the word to parents in the neighbourhood so that the school can make staffing/resourcing plans
 - x. 2024/25 PAT results for EAL and Math higher than average in province
5. Wix website renewal: Renewal comes up in April, should we keep using it?
- a. 3 year plan for \$450 available
 - b. Mike will raise this with School Society, and motion that we keep it
6. Fundraising
- a. Readathon
 - i. How can we get online donations? Via EducationMatters, there is a link on the Sunnyside School website. Online donations challenging to set up with Society, involves a lot of paperwork.
 - b. Casino updates: we are up to date on our govt paperwork, no dates yet. Marta and Hannah are chairs, need to find out if they've received any letters about forthcoming dates. Expect to receive this information in April-ish.
7. Activate YYC
- a. March 16th opening, \$5000 for a project
 - b. <https://calgarycommunities.com/activateyyc>
 - c. About active mobility combined with community connection
 - d. Tabled for the April 9 meeting: council attendees supportive but without any firm ideas at this meeting.
8. Adjournment: 7:25pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 9th, 2026