

Sunnyside School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5th, 2024 from 6pm

In attendance: Paola Bacaro, Mike Nagy, Andrea Perez, Stuart Jones, Rob Kelly, Natascia, Malcolm, Shannon Muir, Ms. Betcher, Ms. Lang, Marta Markiewicz-Kedzior, Melody Pelling

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 – *First Rob, second Malcolm*
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting – *First Marta, second Stuart*
4. Business arising from minutes – *Confirming that money that was approved for fun lunches is being applied and there isn't a bigger problem (children needing food aren't getting it). Natascia and Marta will collaborate on ideas for programs for kids in need.*
5. New business
 - a. Purdy's fundraiser update – *Tiffany?*
 - b. Casino fundraiser update – *Backpack mail went out today. Only one needed for mandatory position, some backups needed too.*
 - c. Funding needs to be discussed and voted on:
 1. Sensory room - \$1000 *First Marta, second Rob*
 2. Classrooms - \$2000 *First Paola, second Rob*
 3. Swimming - \$7500 *First Marta, second Rob*
 4. "Be Brave" anti-bullying event - \$2500 *First Andrea, second Rob*
 5. Xmas gift cards for families in need - \$1000 *First Rob, second Stuart*

- d. ASCA grant (\$500). *Stuart will investigate conditions and deadline.*
Items we could spend it on:

1. Information sessions on how parents can support student learning home and at school;
2. Parent resources and workshops on topics such as: mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living etc.;
3. Programs to support multicultural and Indigenous families;
4. Parent resources and tools in multiple languages;
5. Parent engagement in promoting the value of arts; and
6. Events to engage parents on important local issues.

- e. Potluck for school families – *Table for now*

6. School updates

- a. Ms Betcher and Ms Lang's update

- *End of year field trip proposal to Calaway Park*
- *Students would need to persuade, fundraise, tie to the curriculum*
- *3 scenarios: all funds provided, some provided, parents pay for all*
- *Parents support*

- b. Shannon's update: School Development Plan

- *Literacy support*
- *Self-regulation and well being declines in higher grades*

7. Any other business

- *Sidewalk clearing: can call 311 if after 48 hours of a snowfall it still hasn't been cleared*
- *Math outreach: Wed/Thur 11 to 12 with Ms. Tokovenko's class*
- *Love the student helpers to make the school more welcoming*

8. Adjournment – *First Stuart, second Rob*

Next meeting: Thursday, February 6th, 2025