

# Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2017

7pm

**Present:** Tamara Hoogerdyk, Cindee Nyrose, Zackery Wells, Alyssa Brown, Heather Lee, Tanya Wurzer, Debbie Laturus, Scott Godin, Shay Duda, Sherrie Duda, Tina Kochan, Sue Wells, Robyn Henderson, Shannon Kasko, Diane Gallagher, Daniel Grimes, Kris VanWieren.

1. **Call to Order:** 7:03 by Sherrie Duda
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda:** Tanya Wurzer motioned to accept agenda. Shannon Kasko, 2nd. Carried.
4. **Adoption of Minutes:** Robyn Henderson moved to accept minutes as presented. Sue Wells, 2nd. Carried
5. **Business Arising from Minutes:** none

## 6. Reports

### 6.1. Trustee Report - Debbie Laturus

On October 30, 2017, the new board met for the first time. Robert Strauss was re-elected board chair, Debbie Laturus as vice chair, and Kristine Cassie as alternate vice chair. Dexter Durfey took over the role of secretary-treasurer on November 20, 2017 as Wayne Braun retired. Committee and Calgary school assignments took place. FNMI recognition at regular board meetings was discussed and the statement of declaration was reviewed, with no changes being made. It reads: Palliser Regional Schools would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Metis Nation, and all people who make their homes in the regions we serve.

The board discussed having a citizen's forum added to regular agenda at board meetings. Administration will bring back a format to the next board meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

### 6.2. Principal's Report - Daniel Grimes

At recent PD day, staff began planning for Experiential Week planned for May 7-11, 2018, coinciding with other Palliser schools. The goal is to provide hands on experiences for students, outside of regular classroom, for which they may receive 1 credit. Mr. Grimes sees this as a great opportunity to build bridges with the community and already has cooperation from Lethbridge College. A student survey will take place before Christmas for further input on ideas.

Mr. Grimes and Ms. VanWieren attended VITRA level 2 training and are now reviewing lock down procedures. Sherrie Duda will connect Mr. Grimes to Mark Murphy (town emergency planning) for possible cooperation of emergency drills in the future.

School Report data is still being compiled but overall, score averages met or exceeded provincial standards.

**6.2.1. PowerSchool for parents:** Powerschool is the information system used for student demographics and grades. A parent portal, allowing parents access to student grades and attendance anytime, is being worked on and may be ready later in semester 2.

**6.3. Student Rep Report - Alyssa Brown**

Student council is working to be a voice for all students.

This month's pep rally, and the Halloween costume contest went well; movie night attendance was OK. A spirit week is planned for Dec 11-15 that will include PJ day, twin day, ugly sweater day, KA Pride day and dress your best day.

Grade 12 students are being encouraged to participate in Coaldale Cares campaign for blood donations.

School lunch options are being looked at, possibly with Wally's as they are strong school supporters.

Student council will be going to RIBMS to hand out candy canes during last week of classes in December.

Student council is teaming up with WE team for Hampers of Hope campaign.

Student parking is always an issue so student council plans to talk to the town about painting lines on street in front of school.

**6.4. Teacher Rep Report - Scott Godin**

Fine Arts Night is November 28, 2017 at 6:30 and will feature performances by the band and jazz band, art displays, a drama performance. The theme of the event is Death of a Rockstar and highlights cross-curricular projects from CALM, art, chemistry, media arts and the drama 10-20-30 class. Food bank donations will be collected at the door. We Create Change group will have a fundraising bake sale that night.

A travelling art exhibition entitled "Rain Dance" will be on display in the upstairs display case until Dec 6.

Coaldale Cares Blood Donation campaign launches Dec 1. Mr. Grimes, Rachel Harder, Mr. Kerssens, Ms. Barnecki and some grade 12 students will donate blood on Dec 15 at Canadian Blood Services in Lethbridge.

Skills Canada will be taking place in the new year at Lethbridge College.

**6.5. Student Leadership Day - Zack Wells & Shay Duda**

The keynote speaker at the Student Leadership Day spoke about the qualities of a leader, and how to be a good leader. Students participated in team building activities with other Palliser schools. On day 2 of the conference, KA students Shay Duda and Zack Wells presented at the conference.

KA and RIBMS met together to brainstorm ideas for how our schools could help out at a community level.

A second leadership conference will take place in May in Calgary to update and celebrate initiatives.

**6.6. WE Day Report - Shay Duda**

WE DAY took place in Calgary November 2, 2017. Mr. Gibson was invited to present on stage and he and Kate Andrews were recognized as WE champions.

**7. Old Business**

**7.1. School Bylaws:** can't approve any updates until next AGM

**7.2. Formation of KAHS Fundraising Society:** Society will come back to council to give a report at the next meeting.

**8. New Business**

**8.1. International Student Information -** Barb McDonald is coordinator for Palliser.

March 16-24 - 40 students from Japan coming to Kate Andrews

Jan 28-Feb 11 - various Palliser schools will host 30-40, 13-16 year olds from China.

Anyone interested in hosting can contact Barb McDonald.

**9. Next Meeting Date -** Monday, February 5, 2018, 7pm in Kate Andrews conference room.

**10. Adjournment -** Tanya moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Seconded by Tina Kochan.

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Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

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Secretary, Diane Gallagher