

**KAHS School Council Meeting**

Date: February 23, 2015

Time: 7 pm

Location: KAHS Conference Rm

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Harry Fritshy, Esther Willms, Debbie Laturus, Heather Lee (late), Sharon Gurr, Jason Schilling, Kayley Dueck, Deb Cajka, Rita Livergood, Shannon Donkersgoed

**Regrets:** Tanya Wurzer

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Responsibility</b>
<b>1.0 Welcome &amp; Introductions/Call to order</b>  <p style="text-align: right;">Chair</p>	Sharon called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Sharon will record the minutes, as our secretary was not in attendance.	
<b>2.0 Agenda review/approval</b>  <p style="text-align: right;">All</p>	Sharon asked that we amend the agenda to include the guest speaker Courtney Barks to present prior to Reports. Motion to approve the amended agenda moved by Debbie, seconded.	Carried
<b>3.0 Minutes – review/approval</b>	Motion to approve January 19, 2015 meeting minutes moved by Kayley, seconded.	Carried
<b>Guest Speaker Courtney Barks;</b> Addiction Counsellor (Child & Adolescent Addiction & Mental Health)	Courtney discussed her role with students' ages 12-17 yrs old. Is onsite at KA Tuesday afternoons. Is seen by referrals, appointments, and walk ins. Provides information to students and addresses prevention/promotion re: Mental Health. It is important to engage parents/students/community/school. Building blocks that help achieve healthy development are support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competence and positive identity. Handouts were provided, questions were answered.	
<b>4.0 Reports</b>	<b>Trustee: (Debbie Laturus)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Palliser Beyond Borders – 139 online courses, piloting (30) level courses, 655 Palliser students using Moodle. 986 students logged into lives sessions with a teacher. 300 accessed recordings of the sessions. Completion rate is 81% in the first semester.</li> <li>○ Meeting with Gordon Dirks and all the borads in Zone 6 – will be 20% reduction in revenues</li> <li>○ School calendar for 2016/17 school year being reviewed</li> <li>○ Some discussions being held with Town of Coaldale re: building another school as population is growing (elementary grade school)</li> <li>○ Memorial for Jean Mrak was held and donation was made to Friends of Jennie Emery for their playground fund in her honor.</li> <li>○ Wayne Braun is attending the next KAHS School council meeting to clarify questions about surplus, and answer any questions about busing or</li> </ul>	

	<p>monetary related.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Encouraged people to attend the Palliser Information meeting on this Wednesday in Coaldale at 6:30 at John Davidson School.</li> </ul> <p><b>Student Rep: (Kayley Dueck)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student survey completed for gr. 9-11 students as to whether they want a cap/gown graduation service in future years to come. Students said would like to have this on a separate day.</li> </ul> <p>SURVEY RESULTS:  Gr. 9 YES: 77% 51 students NO: 23% 15 students - of 66 students surveyed - 77 Grade 9 students enrolled  Gr. 10 YES: 71% 29 students NO: 29% 12 students - of 41 students surveyed - 74 Grade 10 students enrolled  Gr. 11 YES: 92% 57 students NO: 8% 5 students - of 62 students surveyed - 83 Grade 11 students enrolled</p> <p>Total: - YES: 81% 137 students - NO: 19% 32 students - of 169 students surveyed - 234 students in Gr. 9, Gr. 10, &amp; Gr. 11 enrolled</p> <p>*Results do not include students who were missing during the survey  *Numbers are based on lists of all students according to school records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 12 students not surveyed as unsure if enough time to do it this year and they are also having prom</li> <li>○ Pep rally upcoming for basketball</li> <li>○ Working on other Spring ideas</li> </ul> <p><b>Teacher Rep: (Jason Schilling)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jason is the KA Health Champion for the Health and Wellness Committee (4 teachers on this) and shared his committee plan for the remainder of this year. Has identified an area to focus for each month with activities, actions and any guests and resources. Looking at incorporating student council. Jason and Chantel attended the Shaping the Future Conference. Would also like to have parents involved with the monthly initiatives. Some parents at this meeting gave Jason some references for funding and ideas as well. Has put together a Daily Physical Activity (DPA) kit for high school that is mobile and versatile for staff and students to use in class.</li> </ul> <p><b>Principal: (Harry)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shared his copied report with all and highlighted on #2, 6 &amp; 8.</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Good start to semester 2</li> <li>2. We continue to get support from our SRO-Constable Stuart Wickend. I am</li> </ol>	<p>Will follow up with some of the resources mentioned at the meeting</p>
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	<p>concerned when we switch over to the RCMP in January of 2016. I do hope the level of support will be comparable to what constable Wickend provides. Sharon encouraged all to let the Town Council know of our concerns and desire to keep a “Constant Constable”. Our wish is to just have a designated person doing this position to develop the relationships with our schools and students in our community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. PAT and Diploma exam school results should be available soon. Students should have received their individual diploma exam results by now.</li> <li>4. Band/Choir tour went very well overall. Heather expressed a concern about the travel forms/contracts and will discuss further with Harry.</li> <li>5. Basketball program is reaching the stage for playoffs soon. Baseball season is around the corner.</li> <li>6. Course registrations for 2015/2016 will begin the week of March 9. I will be talking to RI Baker and St. Joseph’s soon and also arranging a parent information evening.</li> <li>7. Grad pictures will be in March.</li> <li>8. Accountability Pillar surveys will be available in February:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Parents of gr. 10 students – surveys should have been received by parents through the mail from Alberta Education</li> <li>b. Gr 10 students – will be done this week</li> <li>c. Teaching staff – completed.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Heather mentioned that another phone out should be done to remind parents these have to be completed by Feb. 27.</p> <p><b>Chairperson: (Sharon)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ASCA update. Encouraged council members to provide input on the proposed 16 regulations to the Education Act.</li> <li>○ ASCA AGM is April 24-26/15 in Edmonton. Costing and information was provided. Sharon will be attending as being sponsored by Palliser so no monies will be used from our own School Council. I am registered.</li> <li>○ Diploma exams weight; Have drafted a standard letter that all parents can access online to submit to minister of education and our MLA requesting the weight be reduced to at least 30%. Council agreed this would be a good idea and suggest parents do modifications to the letter to personalize if want. Jason suggested sending to the premiere as well.</li> <li>○ <b>Council of School Councils:</b> many districts/divisions have these, Holy Spirit does and they meet 3x/yr. Palliser had one mtg with all councils represented</li> </ul>	<p>Harry will do a synervice/phone message this week to those parents as a reminder</p> <p>Sharon to send letter to council to review and then forward to Harry and Steven to post on website with information as to where to send the letter.</p>
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	<p>in 2013 but is not an established organization. It is felt it would be beneficial for our division. Esther suggested it be brought up at the information meeting on Wednesday as Sharon will be attending this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Public Interest Alberta</b> – Interesting report: Alarm Bells Ringing was a classroom survey done recently and highlights findings, please review. <a href="http://pialberta.org/sites/default/files/Documents/AlarmBellsRinging.pdf">http://pialberta.org/sites/default/files/Documents/AlarmBellsRinging.pdf</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.0 Old Business</b>                      <b>All</b></p>	<p><b>5.1</b> Graduation update – pictures being done, plans continue</p> <p><b>5.2</b> Accountability Pillar surveys for Gr. 10 students – discussed in Principle report</p> <p><b>5.3</b> Basketball refund is in reference to 5.4 below</p> <p><b>5.4</b> Criminal record check refunds will be reviewed and provided by year-end to the parents who had these done for their children playing on the volleyball and basketball teams this school year.</p>	
<p><b>6.0 New Business</b>                      <b>Harry</b></p>	<p><b>6.1 Meeting dates</b> – Council will move June 1 to June 8 as Sharon will be away, and add May 11 as a meeting date.</p> <p><b>6.2 Is Homellogic a possibility for Palliser to implement?</b> Harry has spoken with Pat Rivard, and due to budget constraints at this time, this is not possible. KA will entertain in addition to mailing, to also email the monthly progress reports to ensure parents are receiving these as well.</p> <p><b>6.3 Palliser Board of Trustee evening of information sharing:</b> Wednesday, February 25; 6:30-8:30 pm at John Davidson School</p> <p><b>6.4 Cap &amp; Gown Graduation ceremony</b> – Would still like to do for this year, but definitely will implement to start for 2016.</p>	<p>Harry to work on setting up a process to email monthly progress reports to students/parents/guardians</p> <p>Harry to investigate if this is possible yet for 2015 graduation</p>

<p><b>7.0 Future Goals/Ideas</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>All</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of School Goals and Pillar results</li> <li>• Pursue the idea of an online program that provides the opportunity for parents/guardians, as well as students, to stay up-to-date with student achievement through a secure web-based portal.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8.0 Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>All</b></p>	<p>March 23, 2015 at 7 pm. Then 2 more meetings remain: May 11, June 8</p>	
<p><b>9.0 Meeting Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Heather, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.</p>	<p>Respectfully Submitted <i>Sharon Gurr</i> Chairperson KAHS School Council</p>