

KAHS School Council Meeting

Date: March 23, 2015

Time: 7 pm

Location: KAHS Conference Rm

MINUTES

Attendees: Harry Fritshy, Esther Willms, Shannon Donkersgoed, Tanya Wurzer, Heather Lee, Joel Wetmore, Devany Holland, Debbie Laturus, Sharon Gurr, Wayne Braun

Regrets: Rita Livergood

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action/Responsibility |
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| 1.0 Welcome & Introductions/Call to order <p style="text-align: right;">Chair</p> | Sharon called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Shannon Donkersgoed was asked to take minutes as our secretary was going to be late. All in attendance introduced themselves | |
| 2.0 Agenda review/approval <p style="text-align: right;">All</p> | Motion to approve the agenda moved by Tanya, seconded. | Carried |
| 3.0 Minutes – review/approval | Motion to approve the amended minutes to include Shannon at the February 23/15 meeting, moved by Tanya, seconded | Carried |
| 4.0 Reports | <p>Corporate Treasurer: Wayne Braun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ site based/board allocated funds ○ discussed how these funds are allocated – staff, supplies, cts, materials, etc ○ KAHS will change fee structure next year with board approval. There will be a fee/option instead of a flat fee ○ Any fundraising \$ will have to be spent on that specific item – ie band trip ○ KAHS has funds in their school generated funds acct and this needs to be spent (approx \$150k). These \$ already have a home ○ Surplus can also be used for literacy (there is a 3 yr plan for these funds) ○ Transportation Budget - \$3 million. There are 2 additional revenues to this account (field trips and external users). Approximately \$150k was generated from these sources last year. <p>Trustee: (Debbie Laturus)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation from principals from Vulcan and Calgary Christian. They are using a program called Ontario Comprehension Assessment to test kids from grades 7-10 on their comprehension. Since F&P testing is for elementary students, this is a tool they can use to test the older kids and it seems to be working well. ○ Amended Bill 10 was passed by the government. The bill states: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -students may set up GSA's in schools -GSA's may meet on school property -students may name the club GSA or QSA | |

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| | <p>-sexual orientation, sex gender identity and gender expression will be protected from discrimination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We held four stakeholder meetings. We will hold a community engagement session on May 28 at County Central High to discuss what came out of the individual meetings. ○ We had four teachers nominated for the Edwin Parr 2015 award. -Sydney Moore from Noble Central, Joy Willems from JE, Casey Scheidegger from Barons and Stephanie Kramer from Palliser Beyond Borders. Sydney Moore is the nominee that will be sent to the Zone. ○ We have practicum students in our division: JE - 1, KA - 2 and RI Baker - 5. ○ On March 20: LGSM Annual Meeting in Taber ○ Student leadership conference in Calgary. There were 11 presentations from students and a final presentation from Sheldon Kennedy. Very well attended. ○ March 26 is when the budget comes out. <p>Esther gave a very brief update on a trip to China, that a few Palliser members took to meet with representatives of Bela Education group. They were investigating a partnership program for international students.</p> <p>Student Rep: (Devany Holland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student council has been focusing on supporting the basketball teams, spirit week is coming up. Heather Lee mentioned the 'change.org' website that students have spearheaded to have a say on exempting 1 of their Gr 12 exams <p>Teacher Rep: (Joel Wemore)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joel introduced himself and a bit about his work history <p>Principal: (Harry)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harry shared his copied report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The McLean family had a serious fire in their home about a week or so ago. Jenny Emery, R. I. Baker and Kate Andrews have combined to appeal to the community to help this family out. Donations of cash and gift cards were sent to the Coaldale Town Hall. 2. We had 9 students who attended the Palliser Student Leadership Symposium on March 20 in Calgary. Two of our students had the opportunity to deliver a presentation. Sheldon Kennedy was the guest speaker. 3. The basketball season finished on March 14. Both our senior girls' and boys' teams fell short of making it to the provincials but they represented the school well. Badminton and baseball practices have started. | |
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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The band/choir will participate in the Coaldale Musical Arts Festival – March 27. 5. The main stage play will be at the end of April and May 1. Check the website for details. 6. We are in the process of reviewing our student handbook and making needed revisions. 7. We had a Lock Down practice drill on Thursday, March 12. We will have one more practice drill in April. A fire drill will occur before Easter Break. 8. January Diploma Exam results are ready for us to review. January PAT results are not yet available. 9. Semester 2 mid-term Report Cards will be mailed home on March 27. Parent teacher interviews are on April 1 (4:00 – 5:00 PM; 6:00 – 9:00 PM) . Progress reports will be emailed to parents being at the end of April. Students will also receive a paper copy. 10. Grade 11 and 12 credit check. Students in grade 11 and 12 met with the Career and Academic Counselor – Susan Schmidt. Students in grade 12 who needed a reminder to get courses completed at PASS+ or work experience forms handed in, etc. had a letter mailed home. An initial letter was mailed in the fall. 11. Graduation: It's too late to arrange for caps and gowns for this year but the plan is to have this available for Grad in June 2016. We will have a follow up survey with grade 12s to confirm this in September. 12. I have been and will continue to be in discussions with the HR department at central office regarding staffing levels for next year. Once specific details have been finalized, I will begin the process of assigning teachers their courses and building a schedule. 13. Students in grades 9-11 have started the process of signing up for courses for next year. I will visit R.I. Baker to talk to their grade 8 students about the grade 9 program. An information evening for next year's grade 9s and their parents will be April 14 starting at 6:30 PM. An information meeting for next year's grade 10 students and their parents was held on March 10. Met with St. Joseph school students and signed up some Gr 9 & 10's. We had an excellent turnout. 14. I have completed and submitted two teacher evaluations. Both teachers are on probationary contracts. I have one more evaluation to complete. 15. I have not received approval for purchase of items I requested from the Board Allocated Funds surplus that Kate Andrews has accumulated for the past several years. School Generated Funds will be almost completely | |
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| | <p>spent down for the purposes these funds were raised by the end of the school year.</p> <p>16. Great news regarding Diploma exam weightings starting next school year! The diploma exam weighting will be 30% of a student's final mark with 70% of the final mark assigned by the school.</p> <p>17. Darren Atwood was back from medical leave but couldn't continue. Darren has finished his teaching at KA and Greg Langhofer has been hired to replace him.</p> <p>Chairperson: (Sharon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ASCA update – input for voting purposes at AGM re: 2 proposals ○ Diploma exams – draft letter was on website ○ Update from Palliser Board of Trustees information sharing meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council of School Councils – will be considering trying this again in our district as was unsuccessful in the past. 2. Online program re: student progress- superintendent has stated he is investigating other options as not in favor of home logic. ○ The Prime Minister's Awards (PMA) for Teaching Excellence honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines who instill in their students a love of learning and who utilize information and communications technologies (ICT) to better equip their students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in a 21st century society and economy. More information and the nomination package can be found her ○ http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmate-ppmee.nsf/eng/h_wz00010.html | |
| <p>5.0 Old Business All</p> | <p>5.1 Grad Update: pictures are complete. Initial inquiry for caps and gowns for 2015 grads done. Unlikely that this is possible</p> <p>5.2 Progress reports will be emailed and a hard copy will still be sent home with students</p> | <p>Discussion on whether a sub group could arrange rental of caps/gowns. This will be looked into</p> |
| <p>6.0 New Business Harry</p> | <p>6.1 Grade 12 Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harry had a gr 12 meeting with students (separate male/female). Expectations on what was expected from them on Grad day was discussed | <p>Harry will check into whether this info can be placed on Grad Tab on website for students that missed meeting or interested parents</p> |

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| <p>7.0 Future Goals/Ideas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of School Goals and Pillar results | |
| <p>8.0 Next Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p> | <p>May 11, 2015 at 7 pm</p> | |
| <p>9.0 Meeting Adjournment</p> | <p>Motion to adjourn by Shannon, seconded and carried Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm</p> | <p>Respectfully Submitted Shannon Donkersgoed Vice-Chairperson KAHS School Council</p> |