



**KAHS School Council (KAHSSC) Meeting**

Date: Nov. 16/15

Time: 7 pm

Location: KAHS Conference Rm

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Heather Lee, Kim Alexander, Choral Shiba, Debbie Tonin,  
Harry Fritschy, Sharon Gurr

**Regrets:** Tanya Wurzer, Esther Willms, Debbie Laturus

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsibility
<b>1.0 Welcome &amp; Introductions/Call to order</b>  <p style="text-align: right;">Chair</p>	Reviewed voting procedures from bylaws	
<b>2.0 Agenda review/approval</b>  <p style="text-align: right;">All</p>	Motion to approve Agenda moved by Heather, seconded	Carried
<b>3.0 Minutes – review/approval</b>	Motion to approve Sept. 14 (AGM and Council meeting), 2015 meeting minutes moved by Debbie, seconded	Carried
<b>4.0 Reports</b>	<p><b>Trustee:</b> Report submitted by Esther Willms and given by Sharon (see attached)</p> <p><b>Student Rep: Choral Shiba</b> – Terry Fox Run held in September, Halloween week was last week of October – various activities held. Pep rally and assembly held Nov. 6. Operation Shoebox for Christmas being held at present. Sharon suggested that this be posted on the website. Leadership conference to be held Nov. 20, student council will be participating.</p> <p><b>Teacher Rep: Kim Alexander</b> – Fine Arts Night on Nov. 26. Will involve the KAHS Band, drama production by students, Student Mentorship program hosting a bake sale. Art class to showcase their artwork, Christmas cards being sold. This is all to increase awareness about KAHS Fine Arts program.</p> <p><b>Principal: (Harry)</b> – please see attached report</p> <p><b>Chairperson: (Sharon)</b> – ASCA hosts Online webinars, etc for learning for School Council members and parents, lots of helpful topics, check it out. ASCA AGM will be in April/16.</p>	
<b>5.0 Old Business</b>	<b>5.1 Health and Wellness program</b> – Kim spoke about this and that it was not well received last year by students. This is being re-visited, some ideas out there, a meeting will be held and it is important that there is a “buy in” from students.	

	<p><b>5.2 Guest speaker for next meeting</b> will be Courtney Barks speaking about Fentanyl use/abuse. It was suggested that she also speak about Marijuana</p>	<p>Sharon to ask Courtney to speak about Marijuana at the March meeting.</p>
<p><b>6.0 New Business</b></p>	<p><b>6.1 Baseball Academy</b> – PBA (Prairie Baseball Academy in Lethbridge) is looking into establishing an academy for high school students.</p> <p><b>6.2 First Aid Kits for all sports teams</b> (comment was made that the boys baseball team did not have one last season).</p> <p><b>6.3 Gr. 9 PAT results was addressed in principal report</b></p> <p><b>6.4 Softball girls banner from 2014</b> – waiting for the “lift” from Central office to put it along with other banners up in the gymnasium. Priority is being given at present to the wheelchair lift that has been malfunctioning at our school. Once the wheelchair lift has been repaired, then the banners will be put up in they gymnasium.</p>	<p>Harry to follow up with all coaches as seasons progress to ensure they have the kits at all times.</p>
<p><b>7.0 Future Goals/Ideas</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accountability Pillar will be on the website soon</li> <li>• Communication venues (website - are parents involved, facebook). Jen is still hoping some parents would provide input/suggestions for website. Looking at ways to work with the Town to coordinate activities and increase awareness to the public             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promotion of School/Student Council (KAHS Chairperson or designate and a Student Council rep) to the upcoming grade 9 students/parents at their orientation in the Spring</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>8.0 Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>	<p>January 26, 2016</p>	
<p><b>9.0 Meeting Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn moved by Kim, seconded and carried.</p>	<p>Respectfully Submitted</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sharon Gurr</i></p> <p>Chairperson KAHS School Council</p>

**See attached Documents:**

### **November 2015 School Council Report**

- A bus accident near Coalhurst that resulted in a fatality (a passenger in the other vehicle) is a grim reminder of the importance of obeying flashing red lights and stop arms on stopped school buses
- Darren Stocker – being trained in the use of new software from AB Infrastructure that tracks the condition of public facilities
- ATA long service awards and new teacher induction was held in October
- Coaldale is transitioning from using Lethbridge Police Services to using the RCMP – a new resource officer will be posted in the area
- Our independent auditors are working to complete the audited financial statements by the end of November
- Public School Boards Alberta Association's FGM
  - – held in Edmonton
  - – Palliser's presentation on our centralized services model sparked interest in a number of jurisdictions
  - – 2 high school students (1 from Coaldale and 1 from Calgary) participated in the leadership skills development workshop facilitated by Ian Hill
  - - met a number of the new MLA's at a reception and began the process of making new connections
  - - David Hancock spoke on the importance of wrap around services in schools, reinforcing for us that what we're doing is the right way to go

Most schools are holding Remembrance Day services in a wide variety of ways. It's important to take time to remember.

Submitted by Esther Willms

### **Principal's report for School Council – November 16/15**

1. The Fall Accountability pillar report will be available on our website soon. It details the results from our PATs and Diploma exams. Refer to the overall summary sheet. We recently had a school goals meeting with central office staff and the KA Education Plan including results from the following were presented:
  - PATs

- Diploma Exams
  - Fountas and Pinnell reading results.
2. OCA (Ontario Comprehension Assessment) will be given to grade 9 and 10 students in November or early December.
  3. Parent/teacher interviews were held on October 8. We have to do a better job of promoting/advertising this as we only had about 20% of our parents attend.
  4. Progress reports were emailed to parents and given to students at the end of October. There were glitches with the PASI program which resulted in challenges with the email distribution of progress reports. Central Office tech department is trying to resolve this.
  5. Report Cards were mailed home November 6.
  6. Palliser Student Leadership Symposium:
    - November 19 for 6 KA student leaders and November 20 for about 60 KA students.
    - It is for grades 7-12 students and the hope is that about 400 students will participate.
    - Will be held at the Exhibition Center (North Pavilion) in Lethbridge.
  7. Awards assembly was held on October 29. This year we included honor roll recipients.
  8. Remembrance Day assembly was held on November 10.
  9. We are adjusting to a new IPP program – Dossier. This has been quite a learning curve, however, we have completed the IPPs and a copy will be mailed home to parents.
  10. Graduation update:
    - Ceremony and banquet will be Wednesday, June 29.
    - There was not enough student support to move toward Caps and Gowns.
    - Ceremony will be at College Drive Church (it has air conditioning) and the banquet will be at The Coast Hotel.

11. Europe Trip – Will be during Easter break. Mr. Gibson is the coordinator. About 20 students have signed up. Being monitored due to recent events in Paris.
12. KA Coaldale Food bank Drive was held on October 20. We collected \$5 011 of food items. A fundraiser dinner is being planned by students and staff to raise money for the foodbank. The dinner is November 20 at 6:00 PM at the Coaldale Mennonite Church on 17<sup>th</sup> street. Suggested donation is \$10.
13. We Day: This year we had > 39 students attend along with 3 teachers. Students are excited about another campaign to raise awareness and funds for global and local causes. Mr. Gibson is teacher sponsor for the KA We Create Change initiative.
14. Students received a presentation on the dangers of Fentanyl from Courtney Barks and Constable Stuart Wikkend in October.
15. SRO – School Resource Officer – Lethbridge Police service will end the SRO program in Coaldale at the end of December. The RCMP will be contracted to continue this service. Coaldale Principals have had two meetings to discuss this. The meetings were facilitated by Palliser Central Office.
16. We have 8 international students – seven from Brazil and one from Korea.
17. Palliser is hosting a gathering of school council chairs and principals on November 23. We need to send a SC rep (if Sharon can't make it) as well as the principal. It starts at 7:00 PM at central office.
18. Kate Andrews will have a school review on Wednesday, December 2. Parents are a key part of this process. A parent focus group will be held on the evening of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. It would be good to have SC members attend. Also we need to have at least 50% of our parents fill out a survey. Details to follow.
19. Sports program:
  - Volley-ball season is nearing a close. Grade 9 girls won the 3J championship. Zone playoffs for our senior teams were this past weekend. Senior girls volleyball are going to Provincials.
  - Basketball tryouts have begun.
  - We have tentatively booked into the Division II football schedule for next season.

20. Fine Arts:

- KA Fine Arts Night – November 26 @ 6:30 PM
- Christmas Concert – December 3 @7:00 PM

21. Grade 9 Take your Child to Work Day – November 4. We had about 70 students participate.

22. Last day of classes for semester 1 is January 20. Exam schedule will be on the website in a couple of weeks. The process of completing all the paperwork for accommodations was quite stringent. Diploma exams will count for 30% of a student's final mark. That is a change from 50% in past years.