

Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2019

7 pm

Present: Diane Gallagher, Tina Kochan, Daniel Grimes, Sherrie Duda, Scott Godin, Cindee Nyrose, Cidney Stinnissen

Regrets: Sharon Rutledge

1. **Call to Order** - 7:05 pm by Sherrie Duda
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Motion to adopt agenda as presented by Tina Kochan. 2nd Cindee Nyrose.
4. **Adoption of Minutes** - Motion to adopt minutes from March 25, 2019 by Cindee Nyrose. 2nd Tina Kochan.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - none
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - See attached
 - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes
 - 6.2.1. Experiential Learning Week
 - 6.2.2. Grade Nine Orientation- Efforts have been put into improving the Grade 9 experience as they transition to Kate Andrews. Mr. Grimes and Jo-anna Meurs met with students at Baker. There will be an orientation for the students at our school during the afternoon of June 6. Ms. Hierath, Ms. Meurs and Miss Stinnisson are working on this.
 - 6.2.3. Staffing - Kate Andrews has been growing and we anticipate this to continue. Mr. Grimes was able to offer full-time probationary position to Jo-Anna Meurs, and permanent full-time position to Kendell Wiens.
 - 6.3. **Teacher Rep Report**- Scott Godin - Grade nine orientation for St. Joseph's and RI Baker students scheduled for June 5 from 1-3 pm. Orientation will take place August 30 as well.

June 4: Year end band concert at 7 pm in the gym. Donations for the food bank will be collected at the door.

June 13: Athletic awards at 7 pm in the gym

We Create Change group raised \$1000 for Dominica Foundation. (exceeded \$500 goal)

Leadership, K&E and Woods fabrication classes are working together on Courtyard Improvement Project. Planter boxes and benches are being built, gardens are being cleaned and enlarged and trees will be removed. A vegetable garden will be added with produce to be used in foods classes. So far \$500 has been donated to help cover costs.

KA is partnering with the Town of Coaldale and Palliser to redo volleyball and tennis courts.

June 27: Graduation ceremony at 1pm at College Drive Church. Dinner to follow at 5:30 at the Coast Hotel.
 - 6.4. **Student Rep Report** - none
7. **Old Business**
 - 7.1. **New School Planning update** - No update at this time
8. **New Business** - none

9. **KA “Toasts”** - Tina Kochan toasted the organization and instruction of the First Aid course during ELW.

Cindee Nyrose toasted Mr. Schilling and Mrs. Alexander for their dedication to the drama production, despite the small number of students involved.

Sherrie Duda toasted Kristy Darby for her excellent attention to and communication of school activities and information sent out to the community.

10. **Next Meeting Date** - Monday September 23, 2019 for AGM

11. **Adjournment** - 7:40 pm

Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

Secretary, Diane Gallagher

Trustee Report

At our last board meeting on May 22nd, we approved our capital plan to be sent to the government as:

1-Coaldale solution

2-County Central

3-Coalhurst solution

4-Sunnyside

We continue to struggle with our budget as the provincial government has not given us one so we will be having a budget meeting on June 11th to discuss a budget for the division.

We had two presentations, one was the Inclusive Ed annual report. Within our division there are approximately 1022 coded students who require additional classroom supports. The inclusive ed team consists of 43 support teachers, behaviour specialist, coordinating principal of early learning and 2 speech pathologists. The other presentation was on English Language Learners. We currently have 3132 identified ELL's enrolled in Palliser. This is an increase of 231 from 2017-2018. Palliser continues to engage multiple agencies to support newcomer families and professional development to support diversity.

On May 14th, all the trustees and our Superintendent, Dave Driscoll, went on a field trip. We travelled up to Milo, Arrowwood, Brant christian school and Vulcan where we visited County Central High, Vulcan Prairieview and Palliser Beyond Borders. We had a great time getting to see all the schools and the fabulous things that are happening in each building.