

Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2019

7 pm

Present: Diane Gallagher, Sharon Rutledge, Debbie Laturus, Trisa Thompson, Robyn Henderson, Tina Kochan, Daniel Grimes, Sherrie Duda, Scott Godin, Cindee Nyrose

1. **Call to Order** - 7:09 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 January 21, 2019 by Cindee Nyrose. 2nd Robyn Henderson.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - none
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - Debbie Laturus (March) and Sharon Rutledge (February) - see attached.
 - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes
 - 6.2.1. International Students - The next student survey will include questions regarding impact of international students experienced by KA student body. Last week a group of 40 students were here from Hiroshima and another group of 25 will come in May.
 - 6.2.2. Fire Academy/Dual credit Program - 12 spots will be offered to KA students next year through coordination with Coaldale Fire Department and NAIT
 - 6.2.3. New Teacher - Cidney Stinnisson joined KA for semester 2. She is teaching some science, leadership and grade 9 options.
 - 6.2.4. Mentorship - Looking at ways to support grade 9's better: try having grade 11's as mentors, connecting grade 8's from Baker with grade 10's before end of year. KA is sending a group of teachers to mentorship PD in April.
 - 6.2.5. Experiential Learning Week (ELW) May 7-9, 2019. Only diploma classes are continuing to run this week. All students have completed surveys to choose experiences for this week.
 - 6.2.6. Report cards - Mid semester report cards will not be printed by will be available on PowerSchool, to encourage more parents to sign on to PowerSchool.
 - 6.3. **Teacher Rep Report**- Scott Godin - Dessert Concert at RI Baker on March 29. Band Trip to Cantando Festival in Edmonton April 6-9. Jazz and Concert bands are participating.
Europe Trip April 16-27. 28 students from grade 10-12 are participating. Mr. Gibson and Ms. Van Wieren are chaperones.
Travelling art exhibition " Beyond the Patch - Stories from the Woods" will be displayed in upstairs display cases from April 10 - May 8.
Drama: Production of *Dark Light* planned for week of May 7. Students to also participate in SHED the Mask on May 3.
Coaldale Family Fun Run - April 13
World Autism Day will be recognized April 2 by wearing blue.
Green Shirt Day, supporting Organ Donation and remembering Humbolt Broncos/Logan Boulet - April 8

- 6.4. **Student Rep Report** - none
- 7. **Old Business**
 - 7.1. **New School Planning update** - No update at this time
- 8. **New Business**
- 9. **Next Meeting Date** - Monday May 27 at 7 pm
- 10. **Adjournment** - 8:03 pm

Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

Secretary, Diane Gallagher

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SHARON RUTLEDGE TRUSTEE REPORT

Coaldale School Update

Two information sessions were hosted by the Town of Coaldale on Feb 5 & 12 for the proposed joint recreation centre/high school project. The sessions were well attended, and generally positive, however, concerns were raised about the location of the proposed site. It was emphasized that it is the Town of Coaldale's responsibility to set aside property for future school construction. A geo-tech survey is underway to determine the suitability of the chosen site to be a good building site.

The public will have the opportunity for input on the school itself, if and when, the project is approved by the provincial government in April 2019.

School Calendars

The Board approved the 2019-2020 school calendars (north & south versions) after consultation and with staff, school councils and the ATA. The 2 versions differ in spring or Easter breaks to coincide with surrounding school divisions.

Teachers are officially back on Monday Aug 26, 2019, the Opening Day celebration for staff on Thursday Aug 29 in Vulcan and first day of school for students on Tuesday Sept 3. The last day of class for students is Friday June 26, 2020.

Principals can now make requests for any changes based upon their community requirements.

Huntsville School Update

An initial meeting was held recently with reps from Alberta Infrastructure, the contractor, architects, central office and the school principal to discuss construction timelines. Proposed date to begin construction is April 15, 2019.

Financial Update

The Board heard financial projections through the end of August and new reporting procedures which have been implemented in an effort to increase accuracy and transparency.

Dexter Durfey, Sec. Treas. noted measures have been taken to reduce expenditures in board and system administration, with those costs projected to be lower than originally anticipated.

Palliser and Partners Unveil Fire Academy

Beginning the fall of 2020, the Kate Andrews High School Fire Academy program will be offered to high school students. The announcement will be made on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Coaldale Fire Hall beginning at 3 p.m.

March school council

Annual technology Report: Tom Hamer and Jason Kwasny presented their report to the board showing comparisons between where we were last year and where things are now. One of their goals is to have a 2 to 1 ratio for students to devices and by the fall this should be achieved. They are also working on integrating powerschool data with google classroom. The full report is now on the website.

We had a presentation from two of our students who went on a Chile exchange last year. It was really encouraging to see the positive experience they had and also to hear how we can make these trips better.

The board passed a motion for their 2020-2023 capital plan.

1. Coaldale solution
2. County central
3. Coalhurst schools solution
4. Sunnyside

Seclusion rooms: Palliser has not had seclusion rooms for quite some time. We do have sensory or break out rooms where students and staff can go if there is a need.

Starting next month, the board discussed beginning reviewing one policy per month at their regular board meetings.

Report submitted by Debbie Latusus