

Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2018

7 pm

Present: Heather Lee, Tamara Hoogerdyck, Diane Gallagher, Sharon Rutelage, Debbie Laturus, Blaire Takahashi, Daniel Grimes, Sherrie Duda, Cindee Nyrose, Tina Kochan, Tanya Wurzer, Scott Godin, Rhonda Goldie

1. **Call to Order** - 7:05 by Sherrie Duda

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** -

Additions: 8.2 Football

8.3 Parking

Tanya Wurzer motioned to accept agenda with additions. 2nd by Tina Kochan. Carried.

4. **Adoption of Minutes** -

4.1 November 27, 2017 - Tanya Wurzer motioned to adopt minutes. 2nd by Tamara Hoogerdyck. Carried

5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - None

6. **Reports**

6.1. **Trustee Report** - Debbie Laturus

At last week's board meeting, we had Dave Shaw come in and present the Transportation Accountability Report.

- 85 buses with 58 daily routes
- The average age of a bus is about 8.7 years
- 1778 students per day traveling over 1.8 million kms per year
- Our buses are inspected 2 times a year taking 2-3 days for each inspection
- 2017 we were accident free
- Think of us on the bus campaign has been and continues to be a good program.
- This year a split bus evacuation was done at the schools
- We were able to purchase 10 more cameras with a total of 40 camera systems

We also were presented with a OH&S accountability report

- Public school works is a program that sends out courses for employees to complete
- 9060 courses were sent out since Jan 1/17. Incompletion rate is 10.8%

Draft AP 549 - Inclement Weather (attached)

Stakeholder meeting will be held sometime in October 2018

The board and central office staff will be partaking in a Blanket ceremony sometime this spring

6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes

Report Cards have been mailed out.

Exams went smoothly, including changes allowing for accommodations (extra time/space) for any student

Semester 2 has started, with the normal scheduling issues being worked out.

Admin looking at changes to schedules for next year, allowing for advisory classes: a homeroom period between periods 1 and 2 everyday, about 8 minutes long. Students would be scheduled into same homeroom with same teacher throughout their 4 years of highschool.

Experiential Learning Week (ELP) - Planning continues. Dates are May 7-11, 2018. May 7 will be a regular school day, including grade 9 PAT. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday will be experiential days either at Lethbridge College, KA or within Lethbridge/Coaldale community. Students will receive 1 credit. 10-12 different teacher directed experiences are being planned, outside of Lethbridge College experiences. The college will have space for up to 200 hundred students from Palliser schools, grades 10-12. Friday May 11 will be a celebration/showcase assembly at KA. Community will be invited.

6.3. Student Rep Report - No rep tonight.

6.4. Teacher Rep Report - Scott Godin

Journalism class will be preparing a weekly, in-school newsletter this semester.

Drama - spring play coming. Pre-audition meeting this week to see number of interested students.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018: Experience Fine Arts day at U of L. Some KA students will take part in visual arts, drama and/or music experiences set up by the university.

March 8, 2018: WE Volunteer Now speaking presentation for all students, staff, parents, community. A smaller workshop will continue in the afternoon for a group of interested students. This is being facilitated by Mr. Gibson.

7. Old Business

7.1. Grade Reconfiguration - To be addressed at next Palliser board meeting. No set plan or change to be implemented for the 2018/19 school year. More principal and parent meetings will happen. It was suggested by this board that Palliser send out an update to the community to settle concerns about possible changes for upcoming school year.

7.2. Formation of KAHS Fundraising Society - Application for the formation of KA Fundraising Society has been sent in by Cindee Nyrose. We are awaiting a reply.

8. New Business

8.1. Lighting outside of school - There is poor lighting along the side of the school building and street. A FAME request will be put in to assess lighting.

8.2. Football at KA - Tina Kochan and Blaire Takahashi are interested in seeing a football team back at KA. With their current involvement in the sport in Coaldale, they estimate there will be 19-20 eligible grade 10-11 students next year. Mr. Grimes stated the school supports having a team but it would require a teacher to oversee it and new equipment is needed. Blaire and Tina will look into the possibility of sponsors helping with equipment costs and will assist Mr. Grimes in looking for a teacher to oversee the program.

8.3. Student Parking - There is limited space in front of the school for student parking. This is a concern students regularly bring up and is a common complaint at many high schools. There is no space to add parking so street parking will continue as is.

9. Next Meeting Date

9.1. Next meeting date - Monday April 16, 2018, 7 pm

10. Adjournment - 8:10 pm - motion to adjourn from Diane Gallagher, seconded by Tanya Wurzer.

Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

Secretary, Diane Gallagher