

Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2019

7 pm

Present: Diane Gallagher, Sharon Rutledge, Cindee Nyrose, Shea Mellow, Tina Kochan, Amy Hass, Scott Godin, Tanya Wurzer, Trisa Thompson, Daniel Grimes, Sherrie Duda, Kris Van Wieren, Debbie Laturnus

1. **Call to Order** - 7:00 pm by Sherrie Duda
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Trisa made motion to adopt agenda as presented. 2nd by Cindee. Carried
4. **Adoption of Minutes** - Diane moved to adopt minutes. 2nd by Tanya. Carried
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - None
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - Sharon Rutledge - see attached
 - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes
 - Wellness: site based PD day Friday – presenter on risk assessment – helping teachers identify risk factors in students. Jason Kupery and Shane Cranston will present on Palliser initiatives in wellness. There will be teacher training in 4th R (mental health, healthy relationships). A few teachers, including Mr. Grimes, recently took part in mental health first aid training.
 - Continued growth of student council this year, with excellent impact to school community. Hope to have a student council rep at next parent council meeting.
 - Mentorship/leadership class – helping to build connections with international students. Acting as ambassadors to 12 students from Columbia. Had international students shadow our students for a few days, then given schedule. Seems positive for our students and international students. Helping to create student driven environment.
 - A parent asked Mr. Grimes: 1. How does student council get their funds, and 2. Could we have more information about the new Leadership/mentorship class and what they might be fundraising for? This led to discussion on how the school budget supports student activities and how fundraising done by school groups gets reported/recorded. Mr. Grimes stated he'd like to have an opportunity to research this information and present it at the next meeting. The parent apologized to Mr. Grimes and stated her intent was to inquire about, rather than to call into question, current practices.
 - 6.3. **Teacher Report** - Scott Godin
 - Fine Arts Night is on November 26, starting at 6:30. Donations to the Coaldale Food Bank will be accepted in lieu of admission. The event will kick off in the gym with the KAHS Jazz and Concert Bands. Visual Arts students will offer an art show & sale, all proceeds from this sale will be donated to the Coaldale Food Bank. The drama program will showcase some of the work that has been taking place this semester, presenting pieces developed in class.
 - KA hosted a firepit for the Night of Lights, again this year.
 - Again this year we are participating in the Coaldale Cares Blood Drive on Dec. 13th. Students MUST be 17years old to participate.
 - We are hosting two student basketball tournaments the first two weekends of December. Our annual Cat's Classic is Dec 6/7th and our Christmas Festival is December 12-14th.
 - KA Alumni Basketball Tournament is December 20/21

- KA hockey game fundraiser is now set! JANUARY 8th @ 6:15pm!

6.4. Student Rep Report - none

7. Old Business

- 7.1. New School Planning Update - Not approved in current budget but still possibility of seeing approval in next provincial budget.

8. New Business - None

9. **KAHS "Toasts"** - Trisa offered a toast to all attendees of tonight's meeting! Sherrie gave a toast to Remembrance Day ceremony. Well done. Piping, Music and Drama. Cindee toasted teachers who went to WE Day with the long bus ride required.

10. **Next Meeting Date** - January 27, 2020, 7 pm.

11. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 7:40 by Sherrie Duda.

Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

Secretary, Diane Gallagher

TRUSTEE SHARON RUTLEDGE BOARD REPORT FOR KAHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 25, 2019

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The enrollment numbers are higher than projected with the official count on Sept. 30 of 8,662 students which is a increase of 251 students in Grades 1 – 12, and an increase of 21 in kindergarten. KAHS and RIB schools in Coaldale saw significant increases.

BUDGET PREPARATION

Projections for the 2019-2020 operating budget call for a deficit of about \$400,000 with current enrollment numbers. This does not include a 217 per cent increase in property insurance costs for a number of school divisions including Palliser. That increase – the result of damages to school properties due to floods and fires in the province the past few years—will mean an additional cost of about \$300,000 for Palliser.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

As required by the Education Act, the Board appointed two external members from each of the business & adult learning community to sit on the Audit Committee, Michelle Lutz and Tony Montana.

MODULAR CLASSROOMS

Palliser is requesting, from the provincial govt. at a cost of \$50,000 each, three moduls for the Huntsville School, presently under construction, which already exceeds its' capacity, and one modular classroom for Sunnyside School which needs additional space.

PALLISER EDUCATION CENTRE UPGRADES

The Board authorized administration to arrange financing to complete Phase 1 of the upgrades needed at the Palliser Ed. Centre. The first phase includes mechanical & electrical upgrades, new washrooms, renovations to the existing washrooms and meeting and reception areas. With the money from the sale of the surplus property, and financing, there will be no funding impact on student instruction.

IMPACT OF GOVT. BUDGET

Prior to the provincial budget just announced on October 24, Palliser had made a preliminary operating budget for 2019-20 with certain assumptions based on the best knowledge available at the time. With the new funding formulas the province has put in place will allow us to better determine the exact impact of the budget of Palliser Regional Schools. Palliser will not be required to make any significant mid-year adjustments to operations and/or staffing. On Friday, Nov 1, the govt. made their capital announcements which did not include the building of the new high school in Coaldale. The 2020/21 budget will come late Feb or March so we will look forward to that round.