

Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minute

March 3, 2021

7 pm via Google Meets

Present: Cindee Nyrose, Tina Kochan, Sherrie Duda, Diane Gallagher, Trisa Thompson, Scott Godin, Kris VanWieren, Daniel Grimes, Sharon Rutledge, Shannon Little, Debbie Laturus, Megan Curtis, Tom Hamer, Mark Mikkola

1. **Call to Order** - 7:04 by Sherrie
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Trisa made motion to accept agenda. 2nd by Diane. Carried.
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - 4.1. Trisa made motion to accept minutes from January 28, 2021. 2nd by Tina.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - none
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - Debbie Laturus - February Palliser Board Report - (see attached)
 - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes
Parent-Teacher interviews scheduled for March 22-26. All parents will be contacted by teachers. Still working on a process for booking.
Starting to gather information for planning for next year. Mr. Grimes and Ms. Meurs went to St. Joe's last week to do a presentation to their grade nine class. Baker will be visited on March 12. They will email all parents at Baker and St. Joes with a google form for course selections to help determine numbers needed for classes next year.
Will send an email through powerschool to Baker to determine number of students planning to attend KA next year and gain info on who to
Working on a dual credit opportunity in carpentry and SAIT. Working with Mr. Griffiths. Students would work with a SAIT instructor on Fridays so they would be ready to go into apprenticeship at SAIT upon highschool completion.
Setting up next fire academy and looking at ways to get information out to the community. Up to 18 students. May offer room to students from other schools or areas to fill program. 2 year program - Year one is MFR, year two is firefighting.
Looking at restarting book club and GSA club.
Slowly more areas of the school are being used, following guidelines. Students have been very receptive and appreciative.
 - 6.3. **Teacher Rep Report** - Scott Godin (see attached)
 - 6.4. **Student Rep Report** - none
 - 6.5. Tom Hamer - No specific report but sends greetings. Replied to question on process of bringing in international students. Following federal guidelines for testing on departure, arrival and during 14 day quarantine. Assuming tests are negative, they may join their assigned school after a 14 day quarantine. Kate Andrews will have 1 student from Germany and 3 from France this semester. Replied to question about changes to ADLC - content remains available to schools and students but delivery has changed.
7. **Old Business**
 - 7.1. **New School Planning Update** - No new information yet however there is an upcoming announcement on 14 new schools. Date for announcement TBA.

8. **New Business** - School AP's shared by Sherrie last week. Any feedback should be sent to Sherrie by March 15.
9. **KAHS 'Toasts'** - Mr. Grimes toasted attendees for their time.
10. **Next Meeting Date** - April 21, 2021 - 7pm, virtually
11. **Adjournment** - Diane moved to adjourn at 7:44 2nd by Tina. Carried

Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

Secretary, Diane Gallagher

February Board Meeting Community and Staff Engagement

The Assurance Framework from Alberta Education places an emphasis on stakeholder engagement to establish locally developed priorities and to share progress and results related to those policies. The Division's [Education Plan](#) reflects these priorities and shares the progress toward achieving those priorities. The Education Act requires the engagement of parents, students, staff and other key stakeholders around planning. To this end the Division is creating survey tools to gain perspective from all the stakeholders. Please watch for these opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas.

2020/21 Satisfaction with Education in Alberta Telephone/Online Surveys

The Ministry of Education will conduct its annual satisfaction telephone/online surveys to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers (telephone and online), principals (online) and school board trustees, as well as employers of recent high school graduates. The total number of completed surveys will be over 6,000, ensuring that survey results for each of the 10 respondent groups are statistically representative. The survey responses are completely confidential, and no individual responses will be reported. Your participation is important, as it provides valuable information to help the ministry identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, thus helping to provide a more effective and accountable education system.

Technology Department Annual Report

The Palliser School Division Technology Services Department is focused on providing students and staff with the tools needed to ensure high-quality learning environments. There is an ongoing focus on utilizing tools that promote efficiencies and improve the engagement of all stakeholders. The Technology Services Department continues to respond to the COVID-19 safety measures to ensure the continuity of learning and operations. Through the current year we have seen an increase in the number of Google Classrooms grow from just over 2,850 to just under 4,200. What is more astonishing is the amount of live online instruction that has occurred through Google meets with an average of close to 1,000 daily users through the year.

Indigenous Student Supports

Kristin Krein is the Division's Indigenous Success Coordinator. She is a resource for students and staff and will facilitate Elder requests, answer questions, will provide site-based professional development, or First Nations, Metis, and Inuit student cultural activities. Please contact Kristin if you are interested in having her come out and share

<mailto:Kristin.krein@pallisersd.ab.ca>

Teacher's Report - Scott Godin

School Council Virtual Meeting Wednesday 3 March 2021, 7 pm

1. School athletics are back, sort of! We're taking steps to get kids back in the gym after school but limited within their cohorts. It's an opportunity for small groups of students to receive 1 on 1 coaching and work on their individual skills as gameplay isn't yet permitted. We've got approx 55 students engaged in after school basketball. If we continue to trend in a positive direction, badminton and volleyball will be offered after Easter break.
2. Four of our grade 10 students - Beth Aldridge, Jasmine DeBoer, Abby Giacchetta, and Niesje Reurink - have been selected to participate in the 2021 Alberta Virtual Band. High school musicians from across Alberta have the opportunity to play alongside members of one of Alberta's professional orchestras as they perform a brand new commission written expressly for the Alberta Virtual Band. They will participate in virtual coachings with professional musicians and perform a world premiere of the new piece in March!
3. Winning Wednesday's for March Themed days where students can enter their photos to win a prize! (Camo Day, Crazy Hair Day, St. Patrick's Day, 90s Day, and Pride Day)
4. Weekly Career Exploration Sessions invite professionals from various occupational areas to discuss their profession and educational background virtually to a large group of students. Upcoming exploration sessions include:

March 4th - Vet

March 23rd - Agriculture

March 25th - Operating Room Nurse

April 1st - Hairstylist

April 15th - Chef

April 27th - Information Tech

April 27th - Genomocist & Bioinformatician

May 12th - Sheet Metal

5. Virtual Open Houses:
University of Lethbridge - Saturday, March 6, 2021 | 10am-1pm (Lethbridge)
Lethbridge College - Thursday- Saturday, March 11-13 | TBD (Lethbridge)
King's University - Saturday, March 13, 2021 | 10am - 2pm (Edmonton)
SAIT - Friday & Saturday, March 18 & 19, 2021 | TBD (Calgary)