

# Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020

7 pm via Google Meets

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

1. **Call to Order** - 7:17 by Sherrie
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Cindee made motion to accept addition of 8.1 - Wellness. 2nd by Tina. Carried.
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - 4.1. Cindee made motion to accept minutes from Oct 21, 2020. 2nd by Trisa.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - none
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - Debbie Laturus - October Board Report (see attached), Sharon Rutledge - November Board Report (see attached)
  - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes

Teachers continue to move between classrooms for instruction, allowing students to stay in one classroom. Cohorting has presented challenges, and this has been seen in some behaviour challenges.

There have been 3 COVID-19 outbreaks at KA. Cohorting has worked quite well to contain spread. Only one class was sent home though there was a trickle effect to a few other students and teachers. Online learning restarted Nov 30. This helped with staffing as 12 staff members were required to isolate last week. The transition to online learning has been much smoother than it was in March and learning is continuing well.

Re-cohorting will take place for semester 2 due to course selections.

The community and parents have been very supportive of the school's efforts this year.
  - 6.3. **Teacher Rep Report** - Scott Godin (see attached)
  - 6.4. **Student Rep Report** - none
7. **Old Business**
  - 7.1. **New School Planning Update** - No new information
8. **New Business**
  - 8.1. **Wellness - Kris Van Wieren**

The school has formed a Wellness Committee that meets every 2 months to address mental health and wellness in light of COVID-19. A lot of students have been struggling. 3 surveys were conducted that looked at belonging and mental wellness. The committee is made up of 7 teachers and the Family School Liaison Counsellor. An initiative to find ambassadors for each cohort has been put on hold while school is back online.

A Wellness Team was also created that meets monthly. This includes Kris VanWieren (VP), Melinda Greenaway (School Counsellor), Jessica Hoffman, Kristin Krien (Indigenous Services Coordinator). They spoke to every class to introduce themselves and explain how they can help. They have seen a 10 fold increase in students reaching out. They sent an email to all students when online learning started.
9. **KAHS 'Toasts'** - Mr. Grimes toasted all his staff for facilitating such a smooth transition to online learning.

Cindee Nyrose toasted staff responsible for putting academic awards together (Mrs. Arroyo and committee)

**10. Next Meeting Date** - January 28, 2021 - 7pm, virtually

**11. Adjournment** - Diane moved to adjourn at 7:51. 2nd by Trisa. Carried

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Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

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Secretary, Diane Gallagher

## **Teacher Rep Report**

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**Scott Godin**

1. With the regular community wide Food Drive not being an option this year, we decided to run “Food Drive Fridays” within the school, spearheaded by Mr. Wiens. Students were encouraged to bring food items throughout the month of November, and were entered into draws each Friday. The Grade 9B and 9D classes would go door to door collecting items on Fridays and then walk them over to the Food Bank. We are waiting for a total from the Food Bank yet, but it was great to see students getting on board and providing for those with greater need in our community!
2. Recently all grade 10's took part in a program called Economics for Success through Junior Achievement that teaches them about money, cost of living, interview skills, and networking. Local business volunteers run the program and did it through Zoom this year so students could still participate.
3. Also my Financial Management class just completed a six-week Stock Market Simulation last Friday. This simulation, also through Junior Achievement, gave teams 100,000 dollars each to invest in the stock market simulation. The kids really enjoyed the experience and had some great short and long term ideas about investing.

## KAHS Trustee Report for Parent Council Meeting

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### Highlights from November Board Meeting

#### 1) 2019-2020 Financial Report

The Board approved the 2019-2020 audited financial report showing a surplus of \$702,608 due to cost savings during the pandemic. (sub costs & bus operations)

#### 2) Annual Education Results Report

The Board voted to accept the 2019-2020 Annual Education Results Report. This report normally includes Provincial Tests & Diploma Exams but due to COVID these exams were cancelled or not scored. Input from students, staff and parents was included in the report.

#### 3) Three-Year Education Plan

The Board approved the Three-Year Education Plan representing a plan of action to deal with any areas of concern and to focus on literacy, numeracy and wellness.

#### 4) Palliser School Division Ward Structure

The Palliser School Division consists of two wards. Ward One has four sub-divisions in the Lethbridge County and Ward Two has two sub-divisions in the Vulcan County. Even though the wards have not changed, Alberta Education required a new by-law identifying the ward structure. If interested, the Ward Maps can be found on the Palliser website. The next Board trustee election will be held on October 18, 2021.

#### 5) Policy Review

The Board is reviewing their policies. The draft policies will be on the Palliser website and shared with stakeholders for input.

#### 6) Congratulations to Arrowwood School

Arrowwood School students and staff participated in the Community Foundation's Random Acts of Kindness Day. The Grade 5/6 class created play dough for the Kindergarten and Preschool students. The school won the \$500 Kindness Grant and awarded the money to a charity of their choice, the Vulcan Foodbank.

On behalf of Palliser, we thank you for your continued support and dedication to your students and staff. Wishing you all a safe, healthy holiday season and a hopeful 2021