

Kate Andrews School Council Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2020, 7 pm

Present: Debbie Laturus, Sharon Rutledge, Scott Godin, Cindee Nyrose, Trisa Thompson, Tina Kochan, Sherrie Duda, Daniel Grimes, Jo-Anna Meurs, Kris Van Wieren, Susy Peters, Diane Gallagher

1. **Call to Order** - 7:05 by Sherri Duda
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Addition/Adoption of Agenda** - Tina moved to accept agenda. 2nd by Trisa.
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - 4.1. **November 25, 2019** - Cindee moved to accept minutes. 2nd by Diane.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - See Principal's report below.
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - Sharon Rutledge - see attached
 - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes - Student council budget was presented. A \$5 activity fee was added to all student fees this year to help cover the cost of back to school bash for all students in September and for grade 8 welcome in June.

Leadership/Mentorship course, a CTS course, goals: provide better support for international students coming to Kate Andrews; help support grade 8's coming in – these initiatives done in class instead of requiring from volunteering; buddy reading at Jennie Emery; show thanks to all staff (treats, etc). Any funds raised in this class go to support these activities.

Tentative School Calendar for 2020-2021 year: Consistent with RI Baker and Jennie Emery for next year.

Courtyard improvement activities will continue in spring. Sherrie suggested that Kinsmen or Kinette clubs be contacted for funding for the courtyard, as well as Community Wellness grants and Town of Coaldale grant.

Experiential learning week – will continue to some degree. Lethbridge College opportunities and grade 9 mass trip planned. Extent of entire school involvement will be decided during next staff pd day.

6.3 Teacher Rep Report – Mr. Scott Godin:

Gr.10-12: EPIC Day (Exploring Possible Industries and Careers) is coming up on February 12!

Leadership class: Surprised staff with a Staff Appreciation day on January 16. Staff were each given a handmade Thank you card, and offered a variety of snacks and coffee/tea from a cart they wheeled around. This was a well received event, one teacher said it was “a wonderful surprise that felt like a

warm hug!” Leadership is also planning a Pink Shirt Day event for February 26.

Mr. Wiens and Ms. Hanna are looking into the possibility of taking our Senior Basketball teams to a tournament in San Diego in December of 2021. Grade 9/10 basketball players interested in this are being asked to complete a survey so we can decide whether or not to begin the fundraising process.

The Kate Andrews Alumni Basketball Tournament had 75 participants this year and many more spectators. We brought in just over \$3000 for KA Basketball Programs. Note - during the meeting it was mentioned that a couple of teams were overly “competitive” (has been mentioned to Mr. Wiens).

6.4 Student Rep Report – Susy Peters – Another dance planned for spring as the last dance was well attended. Candy-grams are being sold for Valentine’s Day.

7. Old Business -

7.1. New school planning update: no news as provincial budget isn’t out yet. Another planning brainstorming session happened January 17 with teachers and students, regarding possible design of new school (value scoping exercise). Real site consultation is still to come.

7.1.1. Support Letter – we’ve been asked as a board, if we’re interested in writing a letter in support of new school being built. Tina Kochan made a motion that the Kate Andrews Parent Council write a letter of support for a new school being built in Coaldale. 2nd by Trisa Thompson. Sherrie has information from the ATA about for writing letters to Alberta education for any issues if individuals are interested.

8. New Business - none

9. KAHS Toasts - Mr. Grimes and Ms. Ruteledge toasted Mr. Godin for the excellent band concert before Christmas. Another toast from several meeting attendees to Susy Peters and student council for an excellent Remembrance Day ceremony and her involvement in Parent Council meeting.

10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 23, 2020, 7pm in Kate Andrews conference room.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Sherrie Duda at 8:00 pm.

Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

Secretary, Diane Gallagher

TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT KAHS COUNCIL MEETING

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International Student Program Report by Tom Hamer

Hosted International Students to date is 186 compared to 2018-19 of 207 with students from Colombia, Japan, Chile and Brazil. Palliser's focus in the future is recruiting students from Ukraine, Germany, Austria, Spain and Italy.

Facilities Services Supervisor Report by Rod Swartzenberger

Rod's team have had 1,490 service requests from schools for schoolyards improvements, installation of technology and maintenance projects. The new Huntsville School construction has been delayed due to weather, but are working hard to get back on schedule.

Annual Education Results Report by Tom Hamer

Palliser continues to do extremely well on standardized tests, with the exception of First Nations, Metis and Inuit students.

Early Learning Report by Nathan Sillito

The Early Learning Program and Program Unit Funding (PUF) have shown to be a great asset to future learning of these students. A new Early Childhood Framework has been released teaching educators the importance of outdoor play, as well as the Hanen Teacher Talk training which shows how to speak and play with young children to support language development.

Occupational Health and Safety Report by Mark Stolte

His team has done full site safety inspections of 12 schools, including colony schools, with 38 left to inspect. All Palliser owned schools were tested for lead contamination in the drinking water. The federal govt. reduced the acceptable lead levels by half, and all schools met those new guidelines.

An incident reporting system for student aggression towards staff has been developed and employees are being urged to file reports ASAP to track incidents and implement corrective measures.

Transportation Services Report by David Shaw

Four more buses have been equipped with video cameras as well as some buses trying out Global Positioning Systems which provide early diagnosis of mechanical problems and tracks bus idling times which incurs more gas expenses.

Financial Update by Secretary Treasurer Dexter Durfey

Palliser will have a deficit of about 1.5 million by the end of the fiscal year attributed to insurance costs of \$817,000, and a shortfall in provincial funding of more than \$820,000.

A surplus of about \$200,000 in the Board and administration budget helped to reduce the deficit. Mr. Durfey is working with all depts. to find efficiencies to balance the budget.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020