

# Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021

7 pm, via Google Meets

**Present:** Sherrie Duda, Diane Gallagher, Scott Godin, Daniel Grimes, Sharon Rutledge, Shannon Little, Melody Garner-Skiba, Trisa Thompson, Kealani Wickend, Josh McNeil

**Regrets:** Debbie Laturnus

1. **Call to Order** - 7:02 by Sherrie Duda
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Melody made motion to accept agenda with addition of 8.1 - Vending Machines. 2nd by Shannon. Carried.
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - 4.1. Trisa made motion to accept minutes from September 23, 2021. 2nd by Melody.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - none
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - Sharon Rutledge - see attached. A question was brought up regarding if there is still the opportunity for input into the new school design. Mr. Grimes noted that there has been some teacher input recently (science and fine arts) and they expect this will continue with some of the other subject areas.
  - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes -  
Last year some of the LA classes participated in the Right Q Word Challenge. They won the competition - a visit and creative writing workshop from a published author which took place earlier this month.  
Staff continuing to work with Indigenous Success Coordinator to add Indigenous context and to social studies, CALM and LA curriculum.  
Head Strong Summit - Youth Wellness Summit attended by a few KA students with priority of building programs and projects that support wellness in the school.  
PD learning opportunities continue for staff to build professional learning communities in subject areas, addressing assessment consistency between teachers and grades.  
New School Resource Officer - Devin Neilson
  - 6.3. **Teacher Rep Report** - Scott Godin (see attached)
  - 6.4. **Student Rep Report** - Josh McNeil and Kealani Wickend  
Student council meets every Monday at lunch.  
They are planning hot lunches on Thursdays, and had spirit events (pumpkin carving and costume contests) in October. Due to restrictions on fans at sports events, they couldn't organize traditional activities - did a virtual competition for senior's nights instead.  
Remembrance Day ceremony went well.  
Plans for school decorating towards Christmas, and other spirit activities.  
Working to create good student connections between grades and currently have good representation from all grades on student council.  
A question was asked regarding if they get any funding. Mr. Grimes reported there was an activity fee included in student fees this year to help support student council activities. They also generate some funds from hot lunch Thursdays and may consider other fundraising if the need arises.
7. **Old Business**

- 7.1. **New School Planning Update** - See Trustee Report and a link to the virtual walk-through is available on the Kate Andrews website.
8. **New Business**
- 8.1. **Vending Machines** - Mr. Grimes confirmed that money raised in vending machine goes towards grad.
- 8.2 **KA COVID Protocols**  
Admin has made conscious decision to be on the lighter side of restrictions this year, when possible. Masks required in all common areas, hallways, moving to and from classes. Students can remove masks when sitting for instruction. Realistically there is no possibility of 2 m spacing in classrooms.  
There was a bout of influenza already that affected some teachers and students.  
Trying to read the school community to strike a balance of restrictions but still having a sense of normality.  
Very few students chose online learning this year.
9. **KAHS 'Toasts'** - From Mr. Grimes to Josh and Kealani for stepping up and being excellent student ambassadors  
From Sharon Rutledge - Congratulating everyone who worked on the Remembrance Day ceremony.  
From Mr. Godin - to Mr. Ressler and Ms Meurs for their positive contributions, enthusiasm and who do so much for the students.
10. **Next Meeting Date - Thursday, January 20, 7 pm**
11. **Adjournment** - Diane moved to adjourn at 7:45 2nd by Melody. Carried

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Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

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Secretary, Diane Gallagher

## **KAHS Parent Council Meeting, Nov 18, 2021**

### **Trustee Report Sharon Rutledge**

#### **New Board take Oath of Office**

The new Palliser Board were sworn into office at the October 26th Organizational Meeting. Board Chair is Lorelei Bexte, Debbie Laturnus Vice-Chair, and Tony Montana as Alternate Vice Chair.

Board Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

#### **International Students Exchange Program:**

We have seen an increase in the number of students wanting to come to Alberta. Our approach has been to focus our work with our long standing agencies and to cautiously enter into new agreements. All students entering Alberta must be fully vaccinated and require a negative COVID test. Palliser has been involved with the International Program for 7 years.

On October 27, 2021 Palliser released, to all Palliser employees, its' Administrative Procedure 133 : Employee COVID-19 Vaccine Status. As of Nov 5, 2021, we had 124 reported cases amongst students and staff. Palliser had applied for rapid testing at one school that was in Outbreak Status. The rapid tests can be administered by students and staff at home and participation is optional.

#### **Capital Plan**

Dexter Durfey, reported that Palliser will be moving forward on their next number 1 priority which is Coalhurst High School. Consideration was given that Coalhurst's proximity to west Leth. Chinook High School, saw students leaving for the newer facility that provides more learning options. Palliser proposes to modernize or replace Coalhurst High School, and also to mitigate the overcrowding concerns at Coalhurst Elementary by reconfiguring grades from 7-12 to 6-12.

The 2nd Priority is the modernization of County Central High School in Vulcan. Declining enrollments in the Vulcan schools will likely necessitate a reduction in overall space. Coaldale School Virtual Walk-Through Representatives Dan Westwood & Jesse Potrie of FWB Architects provided trustees with a presentation of the new Coaldale School. The goal of the exercise was to showcase the features of the school to ensure the needs of Palliser students and the community for years to come. The joint use of the Rec Centre with the school will allow Coaldale students to access many dual credit opportunities. The new school will serve up to 855 students in grades 7-12.

Completion date: fall of 2023 to spring of 2024.

Next scheduled Board Meeting is December 14, 2021

## School Council Virtual Meeting Thursday 18 November 2021, 7 pm

- Nutrien Ag sponsored an art card contest, and three student's works were selected. Winners were Ryan Bergen, Vivica Sparrow, and Samantha Smith. Each student was awarded \$100 by Nutrien.
- UofA held a virtual lunch and learn session for students on October 27th
- The UofC will be hosting a booth at the school on November 22nd
- Many students attended the virtual post secondary fair and scholarship information session held on November 4th.
- Dual Credit Applications are due on November 19th. Students had the opportunity to attend the virtual info session on November 3rd or an in-person lunch session on November 9th
- There have been a number of virtual career exploration opportunities available, including Vet Tech, and Dental Hygienist. More to come!
- Our annual Food Drive is taking place throughout the month of November. We are doing an in-school only drive again, with donations being received till November 25th.

### Student Council

- Meetings are held every Monday at lunch. We have a huge group (mostly grade 12s) - hoping to inspire some grade 11s and 10s to step up as we will need them next year!
- We sell lunches every Thursday in the Canteen. Rotate between A1 Pizza, Wally's Pizza, Hot dogs, and Taco in a Bag.
- In October, hosted a pumpkin carving contest and the Halloween Costume Contest. We had about 10 teams in the contest and it was a lot of fun!!
- In November, we ran a virtual competition during Senior's Volleyball Nights. Students who submitted the "Secret Password" had the chance to win a giftcard! This was to encourage students to watch the livestream
- We held our Remembrance Day Assembly, Fire Chief Kevin McKeown. Members of the RCMP, as well as the Mayor were in attendance. The ceremony itself went really well. Unfortunately we had technical difficulties with the livestream which meant that you couldn't hear the band or the bagpipes.
- We have tons planned for December! We'll be decorating the front entryway, doing a classroom decorating competition, making ugly christmas sweaters for the teachers, doing a gingerbread house competition, and having a spirit week consisting of Formal Day, Anything But a Backpack Day, Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Pride Day, and Pajama Day. This will be the last week before holidays and leading up to the Christmas Classic Bball Tourney