

Kate Andrews School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

November 23rd, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

KAHS Conference Room

Present: Sherrie Duda (Council President), Mr. Scott Godin (Teacher Rep), Sharon Rutledge (Palliser Trustee), Abigail Giacchetta (Student Rep), Amy Morice, Carley Campbell, Darwin Giacchetta, Diane Gallagher, Shannon Little, Daniel Grimes (KAHS Principal), Kim Alexander (KAHS Vice-Principal), Amy Kerr

Regrets: Debbie Laternus (Palliser Trustee)

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - 7:02 p.m. by Sherrie Duda
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion to accept the Agenda as presented.

1st Diane Gallagher. 2nd Shannon Little. **Carried**

4. **Addition/Adoption of September 23, 2022 Minutes**

Motion to accept the Minutes as presented.

1st Amy Morice. 2nd Amy Kerr. **Carried**

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

a. None

6. **Reports**

a. **Trustee Report** - Sharon Rutledge (see attached #1)

b. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes and Kim Alexander

- Kudos to students and staff for showing pride in the building by keeping it a clean and safe place to be.
- Collaboration is happening at KA
 - Staff - rotating grade level/department level meetings take place on Fridays where Teachers are able to discuss and brainstorm ideas and supports to put in place for students of concern. Monthly school level support group meetings also take place to make sure supports are in place for students who are in need.
 - Students - weekly TAP classes where students get together in grade level groups and show school spirit in assemblies and pep rallies.
- Jigsaw Learning was brought in last year for a PD session to work with staff on effective and efficient ways to run collaboration meetings. Staff is hoping to book an additional session this year as it was a great experience.

- A 2020-2021 Academic Awards ceremony is in the works, hopefully taking place before Christmas.
- Spartans Football has expressed interest in collaborating with KAHS to develop a football team. A meeting was held to gauge interest with a good turn out. Mr. Ressler is part of the discussion and will hopefully lead to a Spartan KA team for 2023/2024.
 - c. **Teacher Rep Report** - Scott Godin (see attached #2)
 - d. **Student Rep Report** - Abigail Giachetta (see attached #3)

7. **Old Business**

- a. **New School Update** - A brief update was included in Sharon's report.
- The Board of Trustees and Town of Coaldale Council took a tour of the build.
- Naming will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

8. **New Business**

- a. **ASCE Grant** - Alberta School Councils were given a grant of \$500/school to support school councils in fulfilling their legislated responsibilities and for parent involvement and engagement activities. A grant was received for 2021/2022 and we are expecting the same for the 2022/2023 school year.

Motion - KA and council to look into a speaker for the parent and student body.
1st Shannon Little. 2nd Diane Gallagher. **Carried**

9. **KAHS "TOASTS"**

- a. To Mr. Scott Godin and the KA Band who sounded wonderful and the Remembrance Day Ceremony and the KA Jazz Band for their fantastic performance at the Fine Arts Night on November 22nd, 2022.

10. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 24th @ 7:00 pm

11. **Adjournment:** 7:56 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting.
1st Amy Morice. 2nd Carley Campbell **Carried**

Attachment #1

KAHS Parent Council Meeting

Trustee Report

November 23, 2022

Palliser introduced a Council of School Councils

The newly formed Council will invite Chairs and representatives of school councils across the division to meet with Senior Admin and Board Trustees for discussions on training and development. This opportunity will help school councils understand their role, develop effective leadership and encourage parent involvement in the school community.

The first Council of School Councils meeting was held on Nov. 15. The meeting was well attended by participants, in-person and virtually in 3 locations, Vulcan, Calgary and South. Palliser made presentations on student counselling services, curriculum & assessment, inclusion programs, financial operations including the budget, insurance costs (field trips) and the Edsby reporting system.

The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Jan 19, 2023 and Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 6:30. Presentations from the Alberta School Councils' Association will be on the agenda.

The **Palliser Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator** provided a presentation on workplace health and safety highlighting training modules for new staff, as well as yearly refresher courses for all employees. One of the areas highlighted is the unit on workplace bullying and harassment along with processes the division uses to deal with these incidents.

New School Site Tour held on Oct. 25

Palliser and Town of Coaldale representatives walked through the construction site where hard hats were required. (Pictures on the Palliser website)

Discussions on anticipated concerns:

- scheduling of usage of Rec Center by students & community
- transportation of students (bus passes)
- proposed walkway over the highway (cost of 10 to 20 million dollars)
- future tournaments (basketball, volleyball, etc)
- naming of new school

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022

Attachment #2

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 23 November 2022, 7pm

- Congratulations to the senior varsity boys on winning the zone volleyball championship and banner Saturday night. Way to go pride! Good luck in Provincials at Black Diamond, leaving Wednesday!
- Kate Andrews Athletics is still looking for pledges to our Provincial Sponsorship Pledge Program (PSP). If you know of someone interested in helping us achieve our goals of competing at the highest level provincially, please contact clayton.ressler@pallisersd.ab.ca
- Last night was Fine Arts Night at Kate Andrews. It was a great opportunity to see what the music, art, and drama departments are working on - thank you to everyone who made it down!
- The KA Library Learning Commons is hosting a traveling art exhibit from Dec 15, 2022 - Jan 18, 2023. The exhibit is titled **Niitsitapi Pi'Kssi (Blackfoot Fancy Beings)** and is an exhibition featuring artworks that depict animals, or fancy beings, significant to Blackfoot culture by two contemporary Blackfoot artists, Ryan Jason Allen Willert and Kalum Teke Dan. Blackfoot teachings about these animals are a large part of the exhibition, which would not have been possible if not for the generous support of Elder Camille (Pablo) Russell. Through a series of consultations with the artists and elders, this exhibition and its educational content has been developed to include accounts from Blackfoot knowledge as well as basic information about each of the animals, including physical descriptions, habitats, diets, and more.
- KAHS is planning a ski trip January 17, 2023. A google form was sent to all students. Costs will be 100% participant funded and will likely be in the \$100/student range for transportation, rentals, lesson and lift pass, but will vary depending on which services the individual student requires. All students in attendance will be required to travel on the bus to and from Castle Mountain.
- December 21, KAHS students have the opportunity to participate in the Career Transitions Skills Discovery day in conjunction with the Lethbridge College Exploration Day. Students will be transported to the college and may attend either of the opportunities provided by the college.

- Several students had the opportunity to participate in a multi-division “Try-a-trade” event held the evening of Nov. 15-16 at business from lethbridge to taber, including several right here in Coaldale. This is the first time this event was held and we are hoping to be able to do it once a semester as for many students, it was a fantastic opportunity. Look for more information during the spring semester.

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/news/post/southern-alberta-students-participate-in-try-a-trade>

- PE classes over the next month are off-campus occasionally, utilizing both Twisted Steel and the Curling rink.

- We had a small group of students attend the HEADSTRONG conference. We had student representatives from student council, the GSA, and the general student body

- The KA Alumni Basketball Tournament is happening on January 6/7. Registration is now open.

- The KA Drama Department will begin rehearsals of I Hate Shakespeare shortly. Planned performance date end of March.

Attachment #3

Student Council Update - Presented by Abby Giacchetta, President

- Student council has continued with food sales every Thursday this year, alternating between hotdogs, pizza, and taco in a bag. We have not increased the price of our food (\$3-\$5), so with inflation, we are not making as much of a profit, but are still not losing money. This is more a service for students than it is a money making endeavor.
- Since our last meeting, we have hosted several successful events, including TAP competitions at student of the month assemblies, pumpkin carving, Halloween Costume Contest, another pep rally, and the Remembrance Day Ceremony.
- The Remembrance Day Ceremony went very well. We had veteran Chief Officer Jim Ingram come and speak to us about why he joined the Canadian Armed Forces. It was a great presentation that I think students took well. Mayor Jack Van Rijn also gave a short address to students and we were able to have a guest bagpiper. We also want to thank Sherrie Duda and Sharon Rutledge for being in attendance and laying wreaths.
- We have many fun activities planned for December. We will be combining a basketball pep rally with a Student of the Month assembly. We will also host a gingerbread house decorating competition. Students will sign up in groups and the competition will be held at lunch on Dec. 21st. We will also run an ugly christmas sweater competition where students will decorate a sweater for their TAP and then the students will vote for the best one using instagram polls. This was a lot of fun last year and we hope to bring the same enthusiasm this year! We will ALSO run a spirit week the last week before christmas. We will have formal day, pride day, ugly christmas sweater day, red/green day, and pajama day. Lastly, we will hand out free hot chocolate on the last day before school.