

Kate Andrews School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022

7:16 pm (following AGM)

Present: Sherrie Duda, Taylor Klassen, Scott Godin, Sharon Rutledge, Dexter Durfey, Debbie Latusus, Amy Morice, Carley Campbell, Kim Alexander, Daniel Grimes

Regrets: Shannon Little, Diane Gallagher

1. **Call to Order** – 7:16pm by Sherrie Duda
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of the Agenda** – Carley moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Amy. Carried
4. **Adoption of the Minutes** - Scott moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Seconded by Carley. Carried
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes** – none
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1 **Trustee’s Report** – Sharon Rutledge welcomed everyone to the new school year and presented her report (see attached)
 - 6.2 **Principal’s Report** – Daniel Grimes (see attached), Kim Alexander
 - Is working on boosting morale and collaborating with staff
 - Jigsaw Learning Learning was hired to facilitate achieving collaborative response (handout provided)
 - Staff has met as departments to create consistency between subjects
 - In collaborative response model every grade level meets to discuss and come up with supports for students
 - Students are lacking organization and discipline – likely due to Covid/out of school learning. Late policy has been implemented to assist with establishing routines
 - Teacher Advisory Period (TAP) has been created every Friday for approximately 35 minutes. Is grade level based. Each group has 1 teacher who will remain with that group through grade 12. Allows students exposure to consistent adult. Time is also used to celebrate (eg. Pep rallies), host challenges (eg. Terry Fox), etc. Are able to tailor information to the specific grade level.
 - A new school mission statement was created by staff – “Educating students in an inclusive environment that challenges individuals to strive for growth”
 - Student of the Month awards implemented. 5 categories – ‘Passion’, ‘Responsibility’, ‘Inclusivity’, ‘Determination’ and ‘Engaged and Enthusiastic’. Nominations can be from students, staff, community members etc. Winners will be presented at an assembly. A list of nominees will also be posted.
 - 6.3 **Teacher’s Rep Report** – Scott Godin (see attached)
 - 6.4 **Student Rep Report** – Taylor Klassen student council vice-president (see attached)

7. Old Business

7.1 New School Planning Update – Dexter Durfey

- Anticipated opening September 2024
- Supply issues, Covid have slowed the build, but progress is being made
- Students have been included in the planning. Over the next 6-9 months, staff will be brought in to give input on teaching walls, interior design etc.
- Initial design work and tender process is helping to stay on budget.
- Palliser is working on a joint use agreement with the Town of Coaldale for the recreation facility.
- Ward Brothers Construction provides regular updates. A tour could be scheduled for the council in the future if we would like it.
- Approximate value of project is \$50 million

8. New Business

8.1 ASCE – to be discussed at next meeting

8.2 Edsembli – Dexter Durfey

- Powerschool was purchased by a new company also it didn't work well transferring data between departments
- Edsembli is \$80,000 - \$100,000 cheaper than Powerschool and a 5 year lock-in price was guaranteed with future increases to be controlled
- Will be fully operational in January 2023 for all of Palliser
- Is housed off-site for better data protection
- Edsby marks component should be operational shortly

9. KAHS 'Toasts'

- Dexter toasted the work the school has done with TAP and the mission statement. Both are good things and are focussed on the kids

10. Next Meeting date – November 8, 2022

11. Adjournment – Scott moved to adjourn at 8:15pm. Amy second. Carried.

KAHS Parent Council Meeting
Sept. 28, 2022

Welcome to a new school year!

The Palliser Board and Administration had the opportunity to meet and share our concerns with the **Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange on Sept 1, in Taber**. In the short 45 minute meeting, Finances and Mental Health Supports in rural schools were discussed.

The Board of Trustees held their **Organizational Meeting** on August 23, 2022. Trustee Lorelei Bexte will remain as Chair, Trustee Tony Montana Vice-Chair and Trustee Debbie Laturnus will assume the role of Alternate Vice-Chair. Trustees were also assigned to various committees for the upcoming school year.

Two new **Area Directors** began their roles with the division in August. Jackie Kark will serve the Lethbridge region and Mike Thiesen was appointed for the Calgary Region. They look forward to building connections with staff and school communities while supporting the unique needs of students.

Three **Value Scoping Meetings** were held in June for the modernization of **Coalhurst Schools**. The process identified options for delivering K-12 education within the Town of Coalhurst. The participants included a facilitator, architects, and cost consultants. Stakeholders were invited from Coalhurst Town Council, County of Lethbridge, Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure and Palliser Schools. The report has been submitted to Alberta Education.

The Board approved a 1.75% **salary increase** as of Sept 01, 2022, to employees not covered by a collective agreement. When a settlement occurs with one pay group, consideration of a salary increase is given to all other employees in the division.

At our Board Meeting on Sept. 20, we were given the opportunity to **meet Palliser's new communication officer, Wesley Lebeau**.

Dr. Browning presented a report on the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** coming up on **Sept 30**. Schools should have activities planned to recognize the histories and legacies of residential schools and to honour the survivors, their families and communities.

Next Board Meeting is October 11, 2022

Report submitted by Trustee S. Rutledge

School Council Meeting – Sept 28 2022 (Principal’s Report)

- Collaborative Response Work – Jigsaw Learning August 25-26
 - Four levels of meetings – Collaborative Planning Meeting – Collaborative Team Meeting – School Support Meeting – Case Consult Team Meeting (handout)
 - CTM’s have started and grade 9 and 10 teams have met. School Support Meetings began last year and are continuing this year, we have had one Case Consult Meeting and another booked
- New – Student of the Month Program
 - Handout
 - September’s winners have been chosen and will be announced at the Oct. assembly
- TAP up and running on Fridays
- Mission statement painting and posters
- Meet the Teacher Night was on Sept 20 followed by Fan Appreciation Night
- Edsembli/Edsby update
- 6 students have signed up for Headstrong
- Diploma/PAT marks?
- Late policy/upcoming attendance policy?

Teacher Report – Scott Godin

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 28 September 2022, 7pm

- Fashion class went on a field trip to Chicken Feed Quilts to learn about different fabrics to prepare for their first project.
- Foods class had a blast making chocolate chip cookies, pancakes, muffins and pizza this month.
- PE 9 classes went golfing this week and last week!
- KA Library Learning Commons News
 - There is a display of indigenous focused materials for Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30) set up in the learning commons.
 - Mrs. Hurley and Ms. Wittebolle host a book club every Wednesday at lunch that is very well attended.
 - Please check out the learning commons website at <https://sites.google.com/pallisersd.ab.ca/kahslibrarylearningcommons/home>. Or through the link on the Kate Andrews webpage.
- Our first Pep Rally was held September 16 hosted by grade 12 students. The grade 12 TAP classes decorated the gym, chose music and games, and emceed the event. Good job grade 12's!
- The Social Studies department has compiled resources for teachers to share with their classes on Sept.29th
- The band is bringing in musicians to work directly with the students on Monday, October 17 during period 3. This is a wonderful opportunity for the kids to get tips from professional performers who teach at the university and area. This will be helpful as students prepare for the Remembrance Day Ceremony to take place November 10th during period 2.
- We are sending 3 students to the UofC Health Sciences Discovery Day on October 19th. They will be bussing with Coalhurst, Noble Central, and Carmangay students.
- The Kate Andrews Drama Department will be gearing up for another production. Amy McDougall will host a student meeting next week to gauge interest and will then begin looking at appropriate scripts
- Fine Arts' Night Nov 22!

Student Council - Taylor Klassen, Vice President

- Student Council has met 5 times already this school year. We have a large group again this year with many new faces, which is great to see!
- We have chosen our executive committee consisting of Abby Giacchetta and Carson Mellow as co-presidents, Taylor Klassen as Vice President, Taya Fehr as Secretary, Sam Smith as Treasurer, and Rachelle Altvater as communications officer.
- In the first week of classes we handed out Freezies on our 3rd annual First Friday Freezies!
- Spirit Week was well received with many students participating in the week of Sept. 12-16th
 - Jersey Day, Tropical Tuesday, Western Day, Formal Day, ending in Pride Day and the Pep Rally
- Fan Appreciation Night was held on Sept.20th. Student Council supported the athletics department by making and giving away free popcorn and candy to the crowd! It was well attended by students, parents and staff!
- The Terry Fox run was on September 22. It was put on by Student Council. The student body met in the gym for an assembly lead by the co-presidents, Abby Giacchetta and Carson Mellow. We decided to call-off the run portion of the event, due to the rain, but did watch videos about Terry Fox. Pizza was sold afterwards to donate the proceeds for the Terry Fox foundation. We are still taking in donations this week, so do not have a final number yet.
- We will resume Thursday lunch sales this week. This is a way for the student council to serve our school community and also earn some money. We alternate between selling pizza, hot dogs, and taco in a bag
- In October we are planning a pumpkin carving contest during a lunch hour. During the October assembly we will host a pumpkin relay race where TAP will compete against one another. We will finish off October with a halloween costume contest on the 31st.
- We are also looking ahead and will begin planning for the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10th as well as another pep rally in November to cheer on our senior teams as they head to zones.