

## Kate Andrews School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

January 24th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

KAHS Conference Room

**Present:** Sherrie Duda (Chairperson), Shannon Little (parent), Debbie Laturnus (Palliser Trustee), Sharron Rutledge (Palliser Trustee), Amy Morice (parent), Abbyl Giacchetta (student rep), Scott Godin (teacher rep), Daniel Grimes (Principal), Carley Campbell (secretary).

**Regrets:** Amy Kerr (parent), Kim Alexander (Vice Principal)

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 Amy Morice. 2nd Shannon Little. **Carried**

4. **Additions/Adoption of November 23rd, 2022 Minutes**

**Motion** to accept the Minutes as presented.  
1st Shannon Little. 2nd Amy Morice. **Carried**

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

- a. None

6. **Reports**

- a. **Trustee Report** - Sharron Rutledge and Debbie Laturnus (see attached #1)
- b. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes (see attached #2)
- c. **Teacher Rep Report** - Scott Godin (see attached #3)
- d. **Student Rep Report** - Abigail Giachetta (see attached #4)

7. **Old Business**

- a. **New School Update** - On track to open in Fall 2024.

- b. **ASCE (Alberta School Council Engagement) Grant of \$500**

- i. Opportunities on the ASCE website for School Council
- ii. Kim has been in contact with a speaker on the topic of Mental Health.
- iii. Possible collaboration with RIBMS for a group presentation to engage parents at both schools. Date likely closer to the end of the year and could possibly incorporate the KA Welcome BBQ with the event.

- c. **Election of executive positions**

- i. Vice-Chair - Shannon Little

**Motion:** to accept Shannon Little as Vice-Chair  
1st Amy Morice. 2nd Carley Campbell. **Carried**

- ii. Secretary - Carley Campbell

**Motion:** to accept Carley Campbell as Secretary  
1st Shannon Little. 2nd Amy Morice. **Carried**

**8. New Business**

- a. Concern about vaping and smoking in bathrooms. Is there an option for students to have a place that is acceptable?
  - i. Smoking and vaping is permitted off school grounds. Students are welcome to smoke and vape on the public street, but are choosing to do so in the bathrooms.
  - ii. Bathrooms are also monitored throughout the day.
  - iii. Discussion on a possible speaker for the dangers of vaping and smoking.
  - iv. Parents are asked to encourage your children to advocate for themselves and if they see something, say something.
  - v. Mr. Grimes and Mrs. Alexander are available in the office or even by email if you see something you don't feel is right.

**9. KAHS "TOASTS"**

**10. Next Meeting Date:** March 14th @ 7:00 p.m.

**11. Adjournment:** 8:33 p.m.

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

## **Attachment #1**

### **Trustee Report - Debbie Laturus and Sharon Rutledge**

Board highlights from December and January Board Meetings

Facility Services works to ensure a safe, clean, and comfortable environment where students and staff can achieve to their full potential. Several projects have been completed, including the installation of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), security cameras, upgrades to boiler systems and concrete work to improve safety. Schools use the Asset Planner System to submit service requests, allowing the Facility team to track and prioritize requests.

The construction of the new Coaldale School is on schedule and notable progress has been made to the exterior. The interior walls are being erected , with electrical and mechanical rough-ins in progress. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.

There is a renewed interest in the International Student Program since the pandemic. Palliser has entered into a shared agreement with Prairie Rose School Division (Medicine Hat) and Black Gold School Division (Edmonton area) to provide more opportunities for international students applying from several European, Asian and South American countries. A part-time homestay coordinator and an activity coordinator have been hired for the ever growing program. Palliser currently has 12 schools hosting 144 students from 13 countries. Applications have begun for the 2023-2024 school year with great enthusiasm.

The Palliser Student Transportation Department operates and maintains a safe, economical and efficient system in accordance with provincial acts and regulations, Board policies, and Division administrative procedures. Palliser owns a fleet of 81 buses and operates 56 routes transporting 1,800 students daily and traveling over 1.9 million kilometers annually. Excellent service is provided by professional drivers, who complete “S” endorsement training and maintain first aid training, licensing, and re-training requirements. The department operates two repair facilities, one in Lethbridge and one in Vulcan, staffed by four full-time mechanics. The “Think of Us on the Bus” public awareness campaign, in partnership with local law enforcement, continues to improve school bus safety for students, drivers, and the motoring public at large.

Palliser School Division is committed to providing students with safe and caring learning environments and is committed to the health and safety of all students and staff. Safety is a foundational requirement to ensure students can learn. Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Facilities collaborate to ensure compliance with safety requirements and codes and perform site inspections regularly. The division uses Public School Works for safety training and all division employees complete mandatory safety modules each year.

School authority planning and results reporting is a continuous improvement cycle. School authorities develop education plans that identify priorities, outcomes, measures, and strategies to improve in key areas. The Annual Education Results Report (AERR) provides the results

achieved from implementing the plan. In the 2021-2022 Palliser AERR, the three Palliser goals of wellness, numeracy, and literacy are presented within the five assurance domains of Student

Growth and Achievement, Teaching and Leading, Learning Supports, Governance, and Local and Societal Context. The Board of Trustees has approved the AERR and the report is available on the district website.

## **Attachment #2**

### **Principal's Report - Daniel Grimes**

- Changes to staffing - there are a few staffing changes this semester due to teachers leaving on maternity leave. Welcome to the new staff members!
- On December 2, PD Day, the staff participated in the Lethbridge College Experiential Day. Staff had the option to choose from many different areas of the college to learn about the programs they offer. These included agriculture, business, welding, environment, carpentry, plumbing, wind turbine, massage, and many more. The teachers learned a lot and had fun participating in the event. Pictures were posted in the January newsletter. This is the college's way of helping high school teachers be more informed about what the college offers and what programs are available when speaking with students.
- We held our awards ceremony on Friday, December 23rd. Although attendance was sparse due to being the last day of classes before Christmas and bad weather, students and parents were happy to celebrate last year's achievements. We also collected food and clothing items for the local food bank and United Church.
- Our health champion is working with Palliser's new wellness navigator and AHS Health Promotion Facilitator in trying to promote our student clubs to work together to enhance their effectiveness, bringing motivational speakers into the school to inspire our students, and incorporating students into our school wellness team. We also are working towards improving staff wellness with PD modules and presentations to staff by AHS.
- The Coaldale Youth Do Crew worked with some of our grade 12 students to make Mental Health Care Exam kits for grade 12's with some extras for other KA students. FCSS provided the funding for these kits, which were very well received. Coaldale Victim Services also provided therapy dogs (Marley and Madison) for four mornings of exam week to help calm students as they entered their exams. McDonald's and (probably) Tim Hortons are donating some food and drinks for some of the mornings as well. Pictures of this will be in the next newsletter.
- Monday, January 30th, is our next site-based PD day. We are excited to host Lorna Hewson here from Jigsaw Learning. She is here to help us continue our work with the Collaborative Response Mindset and specifically our work with our weekly Collaborative Team Meetings.

## Attachment #3

Teacher's Report - Mr. Scott Godin

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday 24 January 2023, 7pm

- KAHS' Drama Department will present I Hate Shakespeare on March 22, 23, and 24th in the drama room. Shows will begin at 6:30pm, with an intermission between the acts. There will be a small concession available for refreshments during the intermission. Price of admission will be \$5.
- 10 high school music students from Kate Andrews will participate in this year's University of Lethbridge Honour Band, Feb 23-24. Students are chosen from across Southern Alberta, culminating with a concert at the University on the 24th.
- There are plans for the return of two fantastic opportunities for students later on in this semester. The multidistrict "Try-a-Trade" to be held over two evenings to be determined as it was in November. And "College Exploration Day" possibly in later April or early May.  
The Try-a-Trade is an opportunity for students to work in industry and make connections with employers in a field they have interest in.  
College exploration day is an opportunity for students to experience a day at the college in an area of study that interests them; this ranges from the trades to healthcare to business.  
We are expecting allocated spots to fill up quickly for both these events based on the fall successes.
- The KA mixed curling team will be competing at districts in Vulcan on Monday, January 30th and are hoping to win to earn a spot in zones held on February 13th and 14th in Lethbridge.
- We will be bringing a group of 24 students to EPIC Day on April 15th (Exploring Possible Industries and Careers).

## **Attachment #4**

### **Student Rep Report - Abby Giacchetta**

#### **Student Council Update - presented by SC President, Abby Giacchetta**

December was a busy month for student council!

- We continued with our food sales every Thursday. This is a service we know students appreciate (especially those without a means of transportation to leave for lunch). We almost always sell out!
- We decorated the front entrance with holiday decor (with smaller christmas trees around the school)
- We hosted a gingerbread house competition over the lunch hour. This was a great success with 15 participating groups of 2-4 students each. This was a free activity for students
- We also ran our second annual ugly christmas sweater competition through TAP class this year. Each class decorated an ugly Christmas sweater and then students voted for a winner in a “sports bracket” style competition. This year, Mrs. Lenhart’s class came out victorious.
- We also ran a spirit week over the last week of school. Prizes were won each day for students who submitted their picture.
  - Formal Day
  - Pride Day
  - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
  - Red & Green Day
  - Pajama Day
- In January, we assisted Mr. Ressler in running fan appreciation night and handed free popcorn and candy to the fans!