

Attendees: Harry Fritschy, Ester Willms, Deb Laturnus, Deb Tonin, Heather Lee, Sharon Gurr, Tanya Wurzer.

Regrets: Deb Cajka

KAHS School Council (KAHSSC) Meeting

Date: Jan. 26/16

Time: 7 pm **AGENDA** **Location:** KAHS Board Rm

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsibility
1.0 Welcome & Introductions/Call to order Chair		
2.0 Agenda review/approval All	Agenda amended to add 6.4 – CALM curriculum and 6.5 Work Plays. Motion to approve amended Agenda: moved by Tanya seconded by Deb Tonin.	
3.0 Minutes – review/approval	Motion to approve Nov. 16, 2015 meeting minutes: Moved by Tanya seconded by Deb Tonin.	
	Guest Speaker: was ill and unable to present	Sharon to contact Courtney if can present at next meeting and include Vaporizers and Marijuana information.
4.0 Reports	Trustee: - In November we held a Gathering of school councils. There were 3 locations: Lethbridge, Vulcan and Calgary. We sent out a survey	

and the results were very positive. The respondents of the survey would like to meet 2 times a year. Some participants said they'd like to meet in their region groups before joining all 3 sites videoconference.

-Class sites in Palliser are still small overall. Palliser's average class size is below provincial guidelines in grades 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 where Alberta Education suggests 23, 25 and 27 respectively. In K-3, the province suggests 17 and Palliser averages 18.2. One area of concern is JE where the school is out of space and the school is full despite the addition of 2 modular classrooms. Administration will be looking at all our schools in Coaldale to see how space in other schools can be better used.

-We are seeing strong early reading skills in grade 1. About 62% grade 1 students are reading at or above expectation this fall compared to the previous year.

-In December a family in Palliser was in a fatal car accident where the father and one of the children were killed. A trust fund at ATB Financial has been set up to help the family. Donations can be made at any ATB Financial branch.

-Dave Shaw presented a transportation accountability report to the board at their last board meeting. Think of Us on the Bus campaign continues in its 4th year with continued support from law enforcement partners. Palliser purchased 8 additional camera systems. Each of the 8 units has internal and external cameras, complete with microphones. Cameras can be moved if needed. The plan is to outfit 7-10 buses a year.

-LGBTQ: the board met today to discuss the 12 guidelines given from the gov't. After reviewing the document, there was a discussion on how Palliser already has a lot of these policies in place. On our website you can find the AP's (Administrative procedures). Some of those are: #205

Controversial issues, 310 Safe and caring, 317 VTRA, 319 appendix: bullying behavior in schools. We were also informed by Kevin that he had a discussion with Alberta Ed yesterday and the tone he understood was that boards do not have to create a stand-alone policy. If we already have policies that address the 12 guidelines for LGBTQ, the all we need to do is compare our policies and the guidelines and make sure we are covering everything. The board has asked admin to do this and also to speak to our legal counsel, and then at our Feb. 9th board meeting, present us with a draft. Also at that meeting we will open the meeting up for parents and anyone who has concerns to comment and give input on the draft. We will also be sending the draft to principals to bring to school councils and it will be posted on our website all looking for feedback.

-Heather Lee asked questions of the trustees to which they did not have the answers on hand. They will e-mail her the answers. Heather was also asked to e-mail such questions to them as Harry and Sharon did not the questions pertained to our school. Heather noted that the board minutes of 2013 of November 2013 are not published.

Student Rep: No one present as is exam week

Teacher Rep: No one present as is exam week

1. **Principal: (Harry)** Exams have begun and will conclude this week. Report cards will be mailed February 2.
2. Semester 2 classes begin February 2.
3. We will have a site-based PD day on Monday, February 1. Topics staff will be working through are as follows:
 - Literacy – OCA collaborative marking –

- Updating IPPs in the dossier program by February 22nd to Alberta Ed.
- Collaboration groups to discuss course improvement plans.
- Review TPGP goals
- Formulate requests for Board Allocated Funds surplus to support literacy at our school.

4. Parent/teacher interviews are scheduled for the following times:

Monday, March 14 (4:00 – 5:00 and 6:00 9:00 PM)

Tuesday, March 15 (4:00 – 6:00 PM)

5. International Students:

- Our seven Brazilian students have left for home. Feedback we have received is that it was a very positive experience for them. We had some send-off activities for them – special lunch, bowling and pizza one evening and generally a lot of well wishes and hugs from friendships they made at KA.
- We have one student who is from Chile. She will join us for January and February.
- We have four new Brazilian students joining us for Semester 2.

6. Europe Trip was cancelled due to safety and travel advisory concerns due to terrorist attacks in France. A revised trip plan has been approved. The trip will be to the US Eastern Seaboard (March 22 – 31) Jen Nieboer and Mike Gibson will be chaperones.

7. SRO – RCMP Doug Sokoloski is our new SRO. Constable Sokoloski has been at the school several times. Transition has been good, has been connecting with the children.

8. School Review: We had several central office personnel and district principals visit our school on December 2. Students and staff completed surveys. We reached 50% of parents completing surveys before Christmas. We hope to have a workshop with Cynthia Gietz on our school review document sometime in March after that month's board meeting. Hope to have the workshop before Easter break to present tot school.
9. Two new teachers will join us on February 1. Jacob Fraser and a half time for a mat leave till May. When we reported our number of students in September we estimated 314 we actually ended up with 354.
10. It is Accountability Pillar survey time again. Grade 10 students and all teachers will complete surveys at school. Parents of grade 10 students will have surveys mailed to their homes. We have 85 grade 10's attending the school.
11. Students have requested the formation of a GSA club. A teacher has agreed to be the sponsor and we are working to develop guidelines for this.
12. Sports program:
 - We are mid-way through our basket-ball season. It is possible that both our senior boys and girls teams will qualify for provincials.
 - Grade 9 boys had their home tournament this past weekend.
13. We are in the process of developing a revised course selection process for students. The purpose is to make it an easier to follow process for students and parents. Palliser will be moving to a new online program

for reporting purposes – to Power School from SIRS. Implementation will be from May 1 to June 15. There will be a “learning curve” so I will have to see how this affects scheduling.

14. Power School will make access to IPPs in the Dossier program more efficient for access and use.

-Heather talked about the Gem of the West concert February 5th. It is to benefit our bands at KA and RI Baker. Heather had suggested to the organizer to contact the schools to do a sinervice to help promote the performance.

Chairperson: (Sharon) – Deadline submission date for issues resolutions was Dec. 16.

Discussed the 4 submitted resolutions:

Webinar Wednesdays on ASCA in am/pm for online instructional learning for School Council members, lots of helpful topics, check it out at www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca, events.

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ASCA Conference is April 23/24, 2016 in Edmonton at Delta Edmonton South, draw for paid registration and expenses being held at the Palliser Board meeting Feb. 9. If interested give your name to be entered by Feb.

	5 to Joanne Siljak.	
5.0 Old Business All	<p>5.1 Health and Wellness program – update unavailable.</p> <p>5.2 Guest speaker for next meeting will hopefully be Courtney Barks speaking about Marijunana, fentanyl abuse and vaporizers</p> <p>5.3 Softball girls banner from 2014 – The banner is up.</p> <p>-The chairlift is being worked on.</p>	Harry to ask Jason Schilling to provide an update with the Health and Wellness program next meeting.
6.0 New Business (concerns brought forward from parents)	<p>6.1 Excused absences: why is a recorded message still sent to the parents advising their child missed a certain class when it is already excused?</p> <p>6.2 Answering Machine – does KAHS have one that parents could call and leave a message if their child is to be excused due to an illness or unforeseen event instead of having to wait until a secretary is present to answer the phone. Very inconvenient for parents who work early or there is an emergency, etc.</p> <p>6.3 Update from Palliser Nov. 23 meeting (Deb Tonin) - council chairpersons and principals. -Lots of Palliser schools there. Mr Gitez shared the importance of literacy. Discussed grants. One to hopefully be held in the spring.</p> <p>**6.4 CALM curriculum: does it address Pension planning? If so, how much?</p> <p>**6.5 Work Plays presentation at KAHS. Free of charge addresses safety in the workplace and knowing workers rights. Currently will be here Spring presenting to jr high students and is free of charge.</p>	<p>-Talked to administrative assistance to resolve this.</p> <p>-Harry to check with Palliser.</p> <p>-Harry and Heather said it's covered in Financial management, but Harry will investigate further.</p> <p>Harry to investigate if consider for gr. 9 students</p>

<p>7.0 Future Goals/Ideas</p> <p>..</p>	<p>-Communication venues (website- are parents involved, Facebook). Jen is still hoping some parents would provide input/suggestions for website.</p> <p>-Promotion of school/student council (KAHS Chairperson or designate and a student council rep) to the upcoming grade 9 student/parents at their orientation in the spring.</p>	<p>-Get more people to like the Facebook page to get it used.</p>
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<p>8.0 Next Meeting</p> <p>All</p>	<p>Meeting will be changed to March 17, 2016.</p>	<p>.</p>
<p>9.0 Meeting Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn</p>	<p>-Moved by Deb seconded by Sharon at 8:07 pm.</p> <p>Submitted by <i>Tanya Wurzer</i> Secretary KAHSSC</p>