



MINUTES

Attendees: Debbie Tonin, Harry Fritschy, Heather Lee, Coral Skiba, Tanya Wurzer, Sheri Dyck, Sharon Gurr

Regrets: Esther Willms, Debbie Laturus, Jacob Fraser (Teacher rep)

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action/Responsibility |
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| 1.0 Welcome & Introductions/Call to order <p style="text-align: right;">Chair</p> | Round table introductions made | |
| 2.0 Agenda review/approval <p style="text-align: right;">All</p> | Motion to approve Agenda moved by Debbie T, seconded | Carried |
| 3.0 Minutes – review/approval | Motion to approve Jan. 26 and March 17, 2016 meeting minutes – moved by Sheri, seconded | Carried |
| 4.0 Reports | <p>Trustee: Report was submitted to Sharon by Debbie Laturus, Sharon read it on her behalf. See Appendix A</p> <p>Student Rep: Coral provided the report. Student council has been supporting sport events. Held an icecream float fundraiser last week to assist the Ft. McMurray wildfires. Bake sale being held today/tomorrow to also donate to the wildfires. Some students did their own bottle drive and raised >\$800 and donated this to Ft. McMurray wildfires as well. Student BBQ being held this week. Council is considering booking an ice cream truck and “bumper balls” as a fun activity in June.</p> <p>Teacher Rep: No one was present</p> <p>Principal: (Harry). Please see attached report in Appendix B</p> <p>Chairperson: (Sharon) – 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.</p> <p>Parenting Cue cards sent out by greatschools.org (non profit organization) re: positive discipline, dishonesty, time & organization, attitude and defiance, motivation, Screen time, homework, siblings, peer pressure, risky behavior</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Harry to address June 29 for writing exams</p> |

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| | | <p>ASCA Conference was April 23/24, 2016 in Edmonton at Delta Edmonton South and was successful. Unaware if anyone from Palliser School Division attended.</p> <p>LGBTQ Policy development have heard nothing further at this time, except that policies were all due for submission to the Minister of Education by March 31. Heather shared that the Federal gov't supports/passed Bill C-16.</p> <p>Grade 9/10 Orientation presentation about School Council was given May 10.</p> <p>year-end report to be submitted before end of June and sent to the Palliser School Board.</p> | Sharon to submit report |
| 5.0 Old Business | All | <p>5.1 Health and Wellness program – update to be done in the fall</p> <p>5.2 CALM curriculum: ask Minister of Education for a review and to address need for more pension planning for students. Sharon has drafted a letter on behalf of parents and school council. Sharon read the letter and motion was moved by Sheri that the letter be accepted and sent to Mr. Eggen our MOE by Sharon, seconded by Debbie. Copy of letter see Appendix C</p> <p>5.3 Review of electronic Progress reports to gr.12 students – was felt by teachers and Admin staff that paper copies preferred as students may not be accessing the reports.</p> | <p>Will need Jason Schilling to provide an update in September</p> <p>Motion carried. Sharon to submit letter to Mr. Eggen the Minister of Education</p> |
| 6.0 New Business | | <p>6.1 Council of Councils with Palliser-spring meeting not held</p> <p>6.2 SRO issues/concerns – can also contact the Community Peace Officer to assist with issues such as traffic.</p> <p>6.3 Newsletter updates with Addictions Counsellor done monthly. Will be changing our Addictions Counsellor for next year.</p> <p>6.4 Update re: Superintendent review. See attached Appendix D – Media Release that was sent by Debbie Laturnus on behalf of Palliser School Board.</p> | <p>New School Council Chairperson/Executive to continue to follow up with new Addictions counselor to ensure these updates continue. Try to promote that they eventually get on the website as well</p> |

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| 7.0 Future Goals/Ideas <p style="text-align: right;">All</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication venues (website - are parents involved, facebook). Jen is still hoping some parents would provide input/suggestions for website. Can we establish an area on the website for Addictions Counsellor information? • Will need to find a new executive (1 year terms) for School Council for 2016/2017 | |
| 8.0 Next Meeting <p style="text-align: right;">All</p> | September AGM and first Council meeting, to be announced in June | Sharon follow up with Harry. Harry to advertise the meeting information in the SS News in August |
| 9.0 Meeting Adjournment | Motion to adjourn moved by Debbie, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm | Respectfully Submitted <i>Sharon Gurr</i> Chairperson KAHS School Council |

Appendix A

Trustee Report

- School calendars are being worked on with central office staff and principals to address any adjustments that may be needed.
- International travel will be re-examined. With requests from schools now coming in for student travel in 2016-2017, the board is reviewing options to ensure student safety and save parents and guardians money should a trip have to be cancelled based on a sudden change in security conditions.
- The provincial budget announcement on April 14th was good for schools. In Wayne Braun's report, Wayne said the budget provides stability in education by committing to fund student enrollment growth. The board is now in the preliminary discussions regarding the budget. There are further details from Wayne's report online in our April board highlights.

Appendix B

Principal's Report for Kate Andrews School Council – May 17/16

1. We have purchased 52 chrome books from our surplus funds. We now have 100 chrome books in addition to our computers in the lab and library. Literacy resources have also been purchased in addition to equipment for the Foods and Science labs. We had Board allocated funds of \$44,000 and have spent \$39,000 thus far.
2. The US Eastern Seaboard trip was a huge success. Details and pictures were in our May newsletter.
3. Grad 2016 – Plans are being finalized by staff and students. Check our website for details. Grad is Wednesday, June 29. The Grad ceremony at the College Drive Church starts at 1:00 PM. The awards committee is busy gathering information to begin the process of selecting award winners. The Valedictorian is Tori Lutz.
4. We are still waiting for our school review workshop. We hope to have that take place by mid-June.
5. The master schedule for next year has been completed. We are hoping to coordinate training on Power School soon so that we can input the information electronically. In the meantime, we will meet with students to develop their individual schedules. Master schedule have to be reviewed again.
6. Extra-Curricular:
 - a. Sports News:
 - Baseball and Soft Ball – Teams are involved in league and tournament play.
 - Track - Students will be participating in a track meet next week
 - Badminton – The season is over. Several students had fun completing.
 - b. Drama: Our students presented the play “4 AM” in the first week of May. Also students performed “Shed the Mask” and a one act competition at the U of L.
 - c. Music: We had over 50 band and choir students participate in the Palliser Band day in Vulcan on May 4. Our students will be performing at the Coaldale Musical Art Society on June 10, 6:30 PM, at R.I. Baker.
7. Our four Brazilian students will be leaving for home on June 17.
8. The June exam schedule should be posted on the website this week. The last day of classes is June 15.
9. Staffing for next year:
 - As you may be aware we had two positions posted – Music and PE.
 - Assignments will be completed once staffing is in place.

10. Student/staff support for Fort McMurray:
 - A handful of KA students collected bottles and donations throughout Coaldale. AS of today more than \$500 has been raised by the efforts of these students. Money will be given to the Red Cross.
 - “We Wednesday” lunches. Half of the money raised will be donated to the Red Cross.
11. We have our onsite PD day on May 24. Topics of discussion:
 - Literacy activity
 - Accountability Pillar analysis (if this data is available on the Alberta Education website)
 - TPGP summaries
 - Collaboration Groups – review of course work and results up to this point.
12. Spring School Goals meeting with central office will be May 26.
13. School Calendar for 2016/17 was reviewed, some questions raised that Harry will address.
14. KAHS has developed an Academic Planner online for Gr. 10-12 (not accessible by parents/students) but can be reviewed and discussed then with Harry, Jennifer N, or Susan Schmidt

Appendix C

Letter to Minister of Education re: CALM review/pension planning

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May 18, 2016

Dear Honorable Mr. Eggen,

Our School Council is writing this letter to express our concern about the need for much more pension planning to be incorporated into the high school curriculum. Currently very little is addressed in the Career and Life Management (CALM) program.

We would like to ask when the CALM course was last reviewed and updated, and/or is it past due for an assessment?

We do recognize and appreciate that a recently introduced course called "Financial Management" has been made available to students, but because it is not mandatory, we believe all students will not access it. In a time when the government is pleading and encouraging Albertans/Canadians to participate and invest in pensions, we must start with our youth and provide them with this information through our education programs.

May we caution that introducing pension planning should not be done through corporate presentations, but be mandatory, more concise and indepth as part of the CALM course itself.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this very important issue/concern and look forward to your response.

Thank you kindly,

Sharon Gurr BN, RN

Chairperson

Kate Andrews High School-School Council

Appendix D

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 17, 2016

Palliser considers panel change to allow for review

The Board of Trustees plan to press ahead with an independent, external review of Palliser Regional Schools operations with a change to the panel's composition.

At a special board meeting Tuesday, trustees voted unanimously to proceed with the review under a two-member panel, rather than three as initially proposed. The board's legal counsel has been directed to prepare final agreements for board review and consideration for approval at the May 24 regular meeting.

Superintendent Kevin Gietz had requested in January that the board approve an independent review of the school system in order to reduce distractions caused by a flurry of online allegations. The board agreed and formed a committee to come up with candidates for a three-person review panel.

In March that committee recommended three individuals, and the board approved a budget to cover the cost of their services plus expenses. Within days, however, it was determined the budget amount exceeded limits allowed under a provincial trade agreement without the matter being put up for public tender or a request for proposal.

The three candidates were then asked to resubmit their proposal so the total cost of the review would not exceed \$74,999.99. Earlier this month the board announced that the three had declined to sign the service contracts presented to them.

Vice-Chair Robert Strauss was asked to contact the three potential review members to determine why they had declined to sign the service contracts presented to them.

On Tuesday, Chair Colleen Deitz said the board had conversations with two of the three review panel candidates and with legal counsel. As a result, the board agreed to proceed with a two-member panel and change the terms of reference of the review to allow for that.

The names of the two reviewers will be released once the contracts are signed.

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