

Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2021

7 pm via Google Meets

Present: Cindee Nyrose, Tina Kochan, Sherrie Duda, Diane Gallagher, Trisa Thompson, Scott Godin, Kris VanWieren, Daniel Grimes, Sharon Rutledge, Tom Hamer, Shannon Little

Regrets: Debbie Laturus

1. **Call to Order** - 7:05 by Sherrie
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Trisa made motion to accept agenda. 2nd by Tina. Carried.
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - 4.1. Cindee made motion to accept minutes from Dec 9, 2020. 2nd by Tina.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - none
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - Debbie Laturus, October and November Board Reports
Sharon Rutledge - January Board Report (see attached)
 - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes
Switch to online learning in December went much smoother than in March. Students were more engaged and kept better routines. Mr. Grimes commended students on a very smooth return in January.
Exam break just finishing and final preparations for semester 2 taking place. Cohorts are quite consistent except for a few grade 12 students who will move around more due to required courses.
One international student will start at Kate Andrews this semester. She is from Austria and is joining a strong grade 11 cohort.
With no provincial exams this year, staff is revisiting how assessments are being done. Mr. Oikawa is retiring and Ms. Hierath is taking a leave of absence for a semester. Two new staff have been hired - Erica Bar (English and drama) and Serena Langman (art and media.)
 - 6.3. **Teacher Rep Report** - Scott Godin (see attached)
 - 6.4. **Student Rep Report** - none
7. **Old Business**
 - 7.1. **New School Planning Update** - No new information
8. **New Business** - none
9. **KAHS 'Toasts'** -
Cindee Nyrose toasted school administration for being very helpful in accommodating courses for her daughter.
Mr. Grimes toasted Sherrie Duda for her continued work and leadership with Parent Council.
Sherrie Duda toasted staff for phone calls to students to recognize hard work in semester 1.
10. **Next Meeting Date** - March 3, 2021 - 7pm, virtually
11. **Adjournment** - Diane moved to adjourn at 7:29 2nd by Tina. Carried

Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

Secretary, Diane Gallagher

Trustee Report for October and November 2020 - Debbie Laturus

Board Meeting Dates for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

The Board reviewed the dates for the regular meeting schedule and made some changes. The Municipal election will be held on October 18, 2021 so the meeting dates have been decided to include the organizational meeting following the election. The dates will be as follows: November 24, 2020, December 15, 2020, January 26, 2021, February 23, 2021, March 30, 2021, April 27, 2021, May 25, 2021, June 15, 2021, August 24, 2021, September 28, 2021, and October 26, 2021.

Capital Maintenance and Renewal Projects 2021-2022

The Capital, Maintenance and Renewal projects for the 2021-2022 school year that have been submitted to Alberta Education for approval were shared with the Board. Projects include redoing the sewer line that is reaching the end of its lifespan, replacing pneumatic controls, installing LED lights in several schools to make the lighting better and improve efficiencies, upgrading fire alarm systems, replacing windows for energy efficiency, installing storm lines and paving for better site drainage, and replacing flooring.

Insurance Update

Thirty-Two school boards across the province are preparing to move to the new insurance provider ARMIC (Alberta Risk Management Insurance Consortium) from ASBIE (Alberta School Boards Insurance Exchange) as of November 1, 2020. Because of flooding and the fires that occurred in the Province over the summer of 2020, the savings the Board would have realized is not as significant as first hoped. There will be significant savings for Boards moving forward. Thank you to all the representatives on the ARMIC Board for the work they have done to find the best insurance for school boards.

Congratulations - Stephanie Krammer

Stephanie Krammer is the recipient of the 2020 Prime Minister's Award - Alberta Certificate of Achievement. Congratulations is extended to Ms. Krammer for this very prestigious award.

Information about this achievement is found here:

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmate-ppmee.nsf/eng/wz02415.html>

September 30, 2020 Enrolment

The enrolment numbers for the 2020-2021 school year are very close to the projected enrolments submitted by schools in June, 2020. As of September 30, 2020 the Division total enrolment is 8,689 students in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Trustee Report for January 2021 - Sharon Rutledge

Highlights from January 2021 Board Meeting

1) COVID-19 Update

There has been a reduction of confirmed cases since AHS has changed their process for assessment whether staff are close contacts on a case by case basis. Definitions have changed and the term 'watch' will no longer be used, but **Alert (1-4 cases)** and an **Outbreak (5 or more cases)** to make communication for parents, staff and community easier to understand. Travel restrictions imposed on January 25 will impact all people with a mandatory 14 day quarantine for those attending school, daycares or workplaces.

2) Transportation Report

Dave Shaw reported that Palliser operates 57 daily routes, transports 1,850 students every day, and travels over 1.9 million kilometers every year. Palliser has installed 51 out of 57 buses with cameras and outfitted all buses with GPS and tablets with software that handles log books, daily inspections and fuel tracking.

3) Occupational Health and Safety Report

Provincial inspectors were sent to 7 schools for random inspections to ensure that safety requirements are being met. All received excellent reports. Palliser has adopted a Working Alone Procedure in order that individuals working alone in schools and properties can do so safely.

4) Policy Update

Trustees approved Policy 4 -- Trustee Code of Conduct and Policy 11 -- Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. In review is Policy 12 -- Appeals and Hearings Regarding Teacher Matters. The draft policies are posted on the Palliser website.

5) October 2021 Elections

Trustees are elected every four years. The next General Election will be held on October 18, 2021. Election packages are available for pick-up at the Palliser Education Centre.

6) Trustee PD Opportunities

The Board has committed to monthly professional learning sessions and will be hearing a presentation from Kristen Krien, Palliser's Indigenous Success Coordinator at the next Board Meeting.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2021.

School Council Virtual Meeting Thursday 28 January 2021, 7 pm
Teacher's Report - Scott Godin

1. A Google Classroom has been created for KAHS Grad 2021. Important information will be posted here as well as the grad tab on the school website. Grads should check regularly for deadlines and information. Please remember, no decisions regarding the graduation ceremony have been made at this time as we have no idea what AHS regulations will be in the future.
2. Winning Wednesday's will be starting up again in February. Themed days where students can enter their photos to win a prize! (Twin/Triplet Day, Beach Day, Pink Shirt Day)
3. Weekly Career Exploration Sessions invite professionals from various occupational areas to discuss their profession and educational background virtually to a large group of students. The professionals give real-world insight into the reality of their job. Registration for all sessions can be done by either the school or the student, with no forms required to participate.

Recent Virtual Career Exploration Nights have included Parts Technician, Welder, and Data Scientist, and upcoming exploration sessions include:

Primary Care Nurse - Chinook Primary Care Network Thurs Feb. 4

4:00-5:00pm

Feb 9th - Electrician

Feb 17th - Women in Trades

March 3rd - Welding

March 23rd - Agriculture

April 15th - Chef

April 27th - Information Tech

April 27th - Genomocist & Bioinformatician

May 12th - Sheet Metal

More information can be found through Miss Meurs or the Career Transitions website (careersteps.ca)