



KAHS School Council Annual General Meeting

Date: Sept. 14/15

Time: 7 pm

Location: KAHS Conference Rm

Attendees: Sheri Dyck, Alison and Rob Tolley, Sharon Dueck, Tricia Mitchell, Deb Cajka, Tanya Wurzer, Jen Nieboer, Debbie Tonin, Peter Van Liere, Heather Lee, Debbie Latusus, Harry Fritschy, Naomi Van Liere, Sharon Gurr

Regrets: Rita Livergood, Esther Willms

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsibility
SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)		
1.0 Welcome & Introductions/Call to order Principal	Sharon called the meeting to order and round the table introductions were made	
2.0 Agenda Review/Approval	Motion to approve Agenda by Deb Cajka, seconded	Carried
3.0 Old Business	<p>3.1 Review of KAHS School Council Bylaws. Sharon had worked with ASCA over the summer to edit these to make them more compliant, copies were distributed. Ken Garinger: Palliser School Division Associate Superintendent for HR also approved these.</p> <p>MOTION: That the KAHS School Council Bylaws be accepted and implemented as amended by Sharon. Moved by Deb Cajka, seconded by Tanya</p> <p>3.2 Review of the Annual School Council Report (submitted in June to Kevin Getz – Palliser Superintendent by Sharon Gurr)</p> <p>3.3 Motion to approve May 11 and June 8, 2015 meeting minutes, moved by Tanya, seconded.</p>	<p>Carried</p> <p>Carried</p>
4.0 Elections for new executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chairperson – Sharon agreed to let her name stand if no other nominations. There were no other nominations. ▪ Vice Chairperson – Sharon nominated Debbie Tonin, seconded by Deb Cajka, no other nominations. ▪ Secretary – Sharon nominated Tanya, seconded by Deb Cajka, no other 	<p>Acclaimed</p> <p>Acclaimed</p> <p>Acclaimed</p>

	<p>nominations</p> <p>Discussion held as to how meetings shall be chaired and minutes taken</p>	
5.0 Meeting Dates	<p>Consensus to hold the meetings on the last Tuesday of every other month. Nov. 24/15, Jan. 26/16, March 22/16, and May 31/16. May call for further meetings if deemed necessary</p>	
6.0 Communication of meetings	<p>KAHS Website to be used to share dates, agendas and minutes</p>	
7.0 Meeting Adjourned	<p>Motion to adjourn moved by Tanya, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.</p>	Carried
Agenda Item	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING Sept. 14/15 @ 7:20 pm</p> <p>Attendees: as per the AGM</p> <p>Regrets: as per AGM</p>	
1.0 Welcome & Introductions/Call to Order Chair	<p>Sharon continued with meeting.</p>	
2.0 Agenda review/approval All	<p>Motion to approve Agenda by Deb. Cajka, seconded</p>	Carried
3.0 Minutes – review/approval	<p>AGM Minutes to be presented at next council meeting</p>	
4.0 Reports	<p>Trustee: Deb Laturus read Esther Willms report (see Appendix A)</p> <p>Student Rep: Naomi Van Liere presented: The Terry Fox walk will be held Oct. 2 and themed events for this will occur 1 week prior.</p> <p>Teacher Rep: Jen Nieboer gave a presentation about the school’s website and changes and improvements being made. Has asked if any parents are interested in sitting on a committee to assist with this and share ideas. Jen also shared that My Pass is a tool coming soon from Alberta Education that will enable parents/students to access transcripts, etc online.</p>	Any parents interested to contact Jen

	<p>Principal: (Harry) – please see attached report (Appendix B). A few additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Leadership Symposium being held Nov. 19/20 – 400 students from Palliser to attend. Kayley Dueck and Jessica Shipton will be attending from our school. ▪ Parent teacher interviews are going to be held Oct. 8 - “before” report cards are distributed. Watch the KAHS blog for more details. The idea is that we can generate early discussion about any attendance issues, establish goals with the student and parents, and the September progress report can also be reviewed. ▪ Question was brought forward in relation to the international students: can these students teach our students something about their culture while here? ▪ Another issue arising from the report was concern about changes to student schedules not being addressed until registration day. Question was asked if this could be addressed prior to registration in the fall? Harry indicated it can be done but Palliser HR Central Office needs the information by the end of May. He stressed that the grade 12 student requirements to graduate are reviewed in the spring (this takes precedence over schedule change requests). The many changes that occurred at KAHS with staff, and the election last May created many challenges. <p>Chairperson: (Sharon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCA Annual conference in April, 2016 • Edited the bylaws over the summer 	<p>Harry to investigate if this can be done</p>
<p>5.0 New Business</p>	<p>5.1 Ideas for Guest speakers for council meetings this year – Sharon asked that if there are any requests, to let her know</p> <p>5.2 Email progress reports to parents and when to start this process for grade 12 students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concern expressed that non-core courses (i.e.mechanics, con/fab) progress reports not being sent as teacher(s) have told students that they re not required to send these out to students/parents. These may not always appear due to some courses that work with modules, etc. The core courses will always be reported monthly. Starting in Sept, the emailed reports will go out to the parents and now include grade 12 students. All students will continue to receive a paper copy, however, the goal is that by Dec/Jan, that the grade 12 students will then only be receiving the electronic report to prepare them for secondary schools that are going/have gone paperless. 	

	<p>Report cards will continue to be mailed home.</p> <p>5.3 Graduation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cap/gown ceremony – the Lethbridge Lodge and Southminster United Church are booked for grad 2016. A second survey will be held for students (possibly parents) as to if cap/gown ceremony is wanted and suggestions for a location. The intensity of the interior heat at the church during the past ceremony (and previous years) has become a health/safety issue. Victory, E-Free and College Drive Churches were mentioned as possible venues. Discussion held about considering 2 days for grad. It was felt that having some parents sit on the graduation committee would be beneficial. Tanya, Deb Cajka and possibly Sheri volunteered to be the parent reps. ▪ Guest speaker – it was suggested that perhaps the graduating students determine who they would like to do this at their graduation. ▪ Addictions Counselor/SRO (til Dec) presenting twice/yr re: Grad safety ▪ Ensuring Grad pictures are in the Sunny South Newspaper third week of June (paper is free that week). ▪ Grade 12 award recipients to be acknowledged in SS News? <p>5.4 Honor Roll recognition for grades 9-11 in 2014/15 School year Discussion held, consensus was that this was a good idea to recognize the great efforts these students exhibited. Jen will compile the list of names for each grade and post on our school website this fall.</p> <p>5.5 Health and Wellness program/grant applications. Sharon had forwarded some information to Jason Schilling the program champion late last spring.</p> <p>5.6 Communication tools for council to use to share information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facebook a possibility to consider later on ▪ Instagram - no ▪ Website is Jen's project ▪ Emails as always ▪ Twitter is a work in progress at present ▪ Synervoice has a glitch at present <p>5.7 Student Handbook to include more information re: skills day, programs for students to participate in, etc. Also incorporate more information into the monthly newsletter. Harry is working with Kade Hogg on improving this. The handbook is no longer available in paper form but is on our website.</p>	<p>Harry to contact Deb, Tanya and Sheri as to when the grad committee will be meeting</p> <p>Harry to carry the idea of the grad students choosing their own guest speaker to the graduation committee</p> <p>Harry to arrange for the first of two grad safety presentations to occur this fall</p> <p>Harry to pass this information and task the graduation committee to follow up with SS News for grad pictures</p> <p>Harry to review and follow up with gr. 12 award recipients listed in SS News</p> <p>Harry to follow up with Jason</p> <p>Harry to investigate synervoice "glitch"</p> <p>Harry and Kade continue to work on the handbook</p>
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<p>6.0 Future Goals/Ideas</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promotion of School/Student Council (KAHS Chairperson or designate and a Student Council rep) to the upcoming grade 9 students/parents at their orientation in the Spring ▪ Review of School Goals ▪ Accountability Pillar information/summary ▪ Distribution of draft minutes will be emailed to those that attend the meeting. Please bring your own copy if needed as they will not be provided at the meeting due to going paperless! Watching our environmental footprint!! ▪ All reports from council members to be sent electronically in word format (not pdf) to Sharon at least 2 days prior to the meeting. 	
<p>7.0 Next Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p>	<p>November 24, 2015 at 7 pm in KAHS Board room.</p>	
<p>8.0 Meeting Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Tanya, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm</p>	<p>Respectfully Submitted</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sharon Gurr</i></p> <p>Chairperson KAHS School Council</p>

See attached documents on following pages

Appendix A

Trustee Report for School Council, September 2015 (Esther Willms)

- Numerous things continued over the summer including Palliser Beyond Borders, the Summer Slide Initiative, the arrival of 9 Brazilian students and maintenance of school property: the first international student to complete a Palliser course online was from Hong Kong; 4 students participated in ‘reading camp’ and loved it; 7 students from Brazil are attending KAHS while 2 are attending PBHS for a semester.
- The faith-based alternative program has expanded to incorporate Calgary Islamic schools: 100 plus staff, 1300 students on 2 campuses representing 20 different countries from around the world.
- The search for a location for a Calgary Outreach School continues.
- Opening Day celebrations in Vulcan were bigger than ever before but went very smoothly.
- Wall of Fame inductees (Ron Nikkel, originally from John Davidson in Coaldale and 2 brothers, Adam and John Beriault from Menno Simons in Calgary) were inspiring and demonstrated deep gratitude for their early educational experiences: their speeches can be accessed on our website.
- A first-ever Ambassador Award was presented to Dan Doerksen, our Low German-speaking Mennonite liaison worker: “An ambassador promotes, supports and campaigns on an organization’s behalf with dignity, humility and enthusiasm” – a quote from the presentation speech in Vulcan.
- Minute Muffler is supporting Think of Us on the Bus campaign in the form of radio ads this year – we are so grateful! The Lethbridge Herald and Sunny South News provide great coverage as well. The first day of classes, 2 fly-bys were each rewarded with \$544 fines, thanks to the quick thinking of the bus driver who caught both incidents on the bus camera and a motorist who called in with the identifying information.
- Online payment of school fees is now available which should make things more convenient for parents.
- The Organizational Meeting was held with Colleen Deitz returning as Chair and Robert Straus accepting the Vice-Chair nomination.
- School numbers are fluctuating almost daily, but we hope to be very close to or even above projections by September 30!

Appendix B

School Council – Principal’s Report – September 14, 2015

1. School is off to a great start. We are up about 40 students from what I had projected. Presently we are at 354 students. We also have two new administrative assistants – Darby Bell and Kristy Darby. We also eagerly welcome Jen Nieboer as our vice principal.
2. International students at KA – seven from Brazil and one from Korea.
3. Diploma and PAT exam marks for June have come in. With the exception of one course we improved in our standard of excellence. We will now wait for the Fall Accountability Pillar data to review the whole year results and complete our Education plan for the year. School goals are almost ready to be submitted to the superintendent.
4. Athletic program is off and running. Volley ball games have already occurred and tournaments begin this coming weekend.
5. Grad committee: One teacher is on the committee and I need one more. We should have our first meeting this week, hopefully.
6. School safety procedures: We had a fire drill last week and will have a lock down drill this week.
7. August 28 - Grade 9 and new student orientation – according to teachers and several students the activities went well. We also had our Brazilian students in attendance and they enjoyed it.
8. KA website: Jen Nieboer is our webmaster. She will provide some information this evening.
9. Literacy: We will begin Fountas and Pinnell testing soon.
10. Alison Lee, who graduated from KA last year, has won the Premier’s Citizenship Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to the school and community.
11. Courtney Barks and Stuart Wikkend will be providing presentation to our students (CALM 20 and Health classes) related to harmful substances to strongly avoid.