

Kate Andrews High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2022

7 pm, via Google Meets

Present: Sherrie Duda, Diane Gallagher, Scott Godin, Daniel Grimes, Sharon Rutledge, Shannon Little, Kealani Wickend, Josh McNeil, Tanya Johnson, Shauna Pauls, Megan Curtis

Regrets: Debbie Laturus, Melody Garner-Skiba, Trisa Thompson

1. **Call to Order** - 7:05 by Sherrie Duda
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Shannon made motion to accept agenda as presented. 2nd by Shauna. Carried.
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - 4.1. Shannon made motion to accept minutes from November 18, 2021. 2nd by Diane.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** - none
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. **Trustee Report** - Sharon Rutledge - see attached.
 - 6.2. **Principal's Report** - Daniel Grimes -
 - Staff working hard to build school culture and looking for ways to do more to celebrate students.
 - A major PD commitment this year has been building Professional Learning Communities with a focus on assessments (consistency, quality). This will continue in upcoming years.
 - Another big initiative for the school - Collaborative Response Symposium. Goal to help create collaborative action and timely support so all students can experience success and there is consistency in learning and behaviour support across the school. Plan: staff retreat in August with experts in Collaborative Response Mindset so everyone has training.
 - Next year - TAP (Teacher Advisory Period) will be introduced on Fridays. 35 minutes between periods 2 and 3. These will be grade centered with the plan to use time for education but also celebration, challenges and activities to help build school spirit and culture.
 - Megan asked if KA has a plan to receive and Ukrainian students - Mr. Grimes reported we have one so far and that the school will welcome any students that have relocated and wish to attend.
 - KA Fundraising Golf tournament planned for June 10 and being organized by Mr. Ressler.
 - 6.3. **Teacher Rep Report** - Scott Godin (see attached)
 - 6.4. **Student Rep Report** - Josh McNeil and Kealani Wickend (see attached)
7. **Old Business**
 - 7.1. **New School Planning Update** -
 - Megan - question on whether a new name, colours etc have been discussed for new school. Daniel said he is not involved in this. Sharon reported she expects there will be staff, student and community input later in the building process.
 - Sharon reported that the cost of materials for the new school increased by \$5 million and the Alberta Government has agreed to provide extra funding to cover this.
8. **New Business**
 - 8.1. **ASCE (Alberta School Council Engagement) Grant**

The Alberta Government has provided \$500 to each school council to help engage/educate parents. More information is available at

<https://www.albert.ca/school-councils.aspx>.

We will discuss this further at upcoming meetings, with the plan to utilize the funds next school year.

9. **KAHS 'Toasts'** - From Mr. Grimes to Josh and Kealani for their time and willingness to contribute to parent council meetings this year.
10. **Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, May 31 at 7 pm.** Virtual or in-person TBD.
11. **Adjournment** - Diane moved to adjourn at 8:03 2nd by Shannon. Carried

Chairperson, Sherrie Duda

Secretary, Diane Gallagher

Trustee Report for KAHS Parent Council Meeting, April 28, 2022

Sharon Rutledge

Since the last KAHS P/C meeting on November 18, 2021, here are the Board Highlights from Dec 2021 to April 2022.

** Tom Hamer was appointed Deputy Superintendent for the remainder of 2021-2022 school year.

** Michael Willems, a teacher at RIBMS received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

** The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant has provided each school council with a grant of \$500 for the 2021-2022 to better support engagement with parents.

** The Palliser School Division Technology Department continues to focus on providing students and staff with tools needed for a high-quality learning environment.

** Work continues on the new school and recreation centre in Coaldale. Further information and photos can be found on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

** In 2021, Palliser's School Liaison Counseling Program team increased from 9 to 18 members consisting of full time, part-time counsellors, externally funded counsellors and practicum students offering support on mental and wellness for students and families.

** Palliser offers learning opportunities with partnerships between school and community with opportunities in Work Experience and Dual Credit. Some schools are piloting a Transition to Life (Post Secondary) Course, culinary skills and Farm Education. More information can be found on Palliser's website for any of the above items.

Next Board Meeting is May 10, 2022

Teacher Report for Parent Council Meeting Thursday April 28, 2022

Scott Godin

- A student art showcase will be held at the McCain Gallery, in the Coaldale Library. It will run from May 10 to June 10 and feature artwork from students in 9-12. The opening reception will be at 7:00 on May 10.
- The KA Drama Department will be working towards a June performance date for a one act show called The Most Viewed Least Watched Talk Show in History. 7 actors in grades 10-12 will be rehearsing for the next 5 weeks. Performance dates to be announced.
- 36 Gr.9 and 10 students attended EPIC Day this year, held at exhibition park where they were able to explore a variety of industries and careers followed by a tour of the University of Lethbridge.
- Reeve's College visited on April 14th with an info booth for students
- We have visited RI Baker Students to begin the transition to Kate Andrews
- St. Joe's Gr.9 students attended Kate Andrews for an afternoon info session.
- There will be a Mock MVC (mock vehicle collision) presentation on May 2nd

- There will be a Mini Post- Secondary Fair on May 5th from 1-3pm with Medicine Hat College, Lethbridge College, Uleth, and St. Mary's University in attendance. All students will have the chance to participate.
- New Committee: Culture Club has had meetings to brainstorm ideas on how to continue building a strong culture at KA. Some ideas that we hope to implement soon and continue in the new year are Students of the Month, the Open House BBQ. and a teacher feature in the newsletter.
- KAHS will be hosting an Open House BBQ on June 9th:
 - 5:00pm Info Session for Incoming Grade 9 Students and Parents
 - 5:30pm Info Session for Incoming Grade 10 Students and Parents
 - 5:00-6:00pm School Tours for New Students
 - 6:00pm - BBQ for current and incoming students and their families.
 - Hoping to have parent volunteers to help prep and serve food.

Student Council Update for KA Parent Council by Co- Presidents Josh McNeil and Kealani Wickend

- Student Council has been very busy since our last meeting.
- In December we hosted a variety of successful events including a Tree decorating competition between grades, a teacher ugly christmas sweater competition where classes made ugly sweaters for their teacher and then students voted on instagram., a gingerbread house competition, and spirit week consisting of Formal Day, Anything But a Backpack Day, Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Pride Day, and Pajama Day, ending with the Christmas Festival Bball tournament.
- In February we sold candy grams for Valentines Day and hosted Pink Shirt Day to take a stand against bullying.
- In March, we held another spirit week which included our first Pep Rally since 2019! This was a great success and a ton of fun! Spirit week consisted of Pride Day, Dress like Mr. Ressler Day, Jersey Day, Decades Day, and Formal Day.
- We also handed out gold coins for St. Patrick's Day.
- We are now gearing up for our Spring Dance which is next week on May 5th from 6:30-10:30. The theme is Hawaiian Luau!
- We are also still selling hot lunches every Thursday (Pizza, Hot Dogs, and Taco in a Bag)
- This was the last week pizza was ordered from Wally's Pizza as Wally is retiring. Student council sent a card thanking them for all their support and wishing well in retirement.
- Grad ceremonies will once again take place at College Drive Church, followed by the banquet at the Coast Hotel - June 28
- Grad parade (in vehicles) will take place on the last day of classes at 5 pm.

