

Paul Kane High School

Council meeting minutes for April 19, 2018

1. In attendance: Trustee Cheryl Dumont, Liane Madsen, Cathy Lamoureux, Michelle Neraasen, Paul Shamchuk, Constable MJ Burroughs

2. Approval of the agenda - Changes to agenda: Michelle would like to speak about the movie the Wisdom & Guidance Committee has organized.

3. Approval of minutes from March meeting – Could we get an e-mail approval?

4. Business:

Principals report: Liane Madsen presented on Duncan Knoll's behalf.

- **David Irvine... Caring is Everything** – Mr Irvine presented to the teachers on the April 16th PD day. He has been seen by Admin and Trustees before at various venues. In the evening he presented to parents. Despite the weather, 113 people attended. His new book has several great thoughts and quotes including:
"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

- **Humbolt Bronco Tragedy** – PK students and staff engaged in supporting the families regarding the tragic loss of life as a result of the bus crash in Saskatchewan. Thoughts and prayers go out to the families. Support was shown by:
 - Sold green and gold ribbons to wear (student initiated and led);
 - A PK condolences book to sign;
 - A moment of silence;
 - Hockey sticks at the entrances (to be removed on Friday, April 20th);
 - Jersey Day on April 12th;
 - Flags were flown at half-mast (District wide to be re-hoisted on April 23rd);
- **New Paul Kane** – On March 22nd the Provincial Government announced the approval to build a new Paul Kane High School. The project is to take place somewhere on the large St Albert Public School property, the fields, near where the school currently sits. The school is to have a 1500 student capacity. This is an increased capacity from our 2018 enrollment of 1046. Demographic data indicates PK will require this new and larger capacity to educate our high school aged students. One of the projected dates of completion is September 2021.

Q: What is going to become of the land where the current school sits after it has been demolished? Will the fields be replaced?

A: There may be a larger parking lot, but the planning is in the infancy stage. The district is aware of the value and need for field and green space and will try to build this into the plan.

- **FNMI and Friends Club** – PK student, Hannah Nash, is organizing a St Albert Walk in support of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women to take place in June. Hannah has already received sponsorship and has spoken to the FNMI Club as well as the district's Wisdom and Guidance Committee. The next meeting will be Thur, April 26th when responsibilities and further details will be discussed.

- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences** – March 21 was the last day of PST Conferences. For the second time these were held over multiple days allowing for more flexibility. Over 600 interviews were conducted. The face to face time with teachers is a valuable service to help parents understand how their child is performing in school. During this time Counsellors and Administrators worked on personalized Gr 9 registrations.
- **PK Communications Tools** – An e-mail communication went out to all our families. Topics included Grad Banquet Ticket Sales, School Fees, Summer School, Awards and Scholarships, Alberta Distance Learning, and School Messenger Attendance System. Feel free to review the information and give our administration any relevant feedback.
- **Skills Canada** – Brendan Woodland received a Silver Medal in the Regional Competition in Cabinet Making and will represent PK at Provincials, May 31-June 1. Good Luck Brendan!
- **High School Culinary Challenge** – congratulations to Brandon Elias and Joe Fletcher who received full scholarships to NAIT, tools, whites and apprentice opportunities in 3 top Edmonton restaurants. A great opportunity for a fantastic team.
- **Cheer Provincials** – PK's Cheer Team competed in Lethbridge and won the ASAA Provincial Championship for the second time in a row. Congratulations team!

Trustee's report: by Trustee Cheryl Dumont

March:

- A. Alberta School Board Association Advocacy event was March 15th. It was a good opportunity for Trustees and our Superintendent to speak to Ministers and MLA's (note our MLA Trevor Horne was in attendance).
- B. Paul Kane Principal Duncan Knoll received a Certificate of Recognition, for his extraordinary service in fulfilling the District's commitment to excellence. It was wonderful to see Duncan's family, friends and many staff from Paul Kane & ES Gish there.
- C. While working on the Three-Year Education Plan and District Priorities and Outcomes for 2018-2021, the Board recognizes the growing numbers of students with special needs, the increased severity and complexity in classrooms.
- D. Board approved our three-year Capital Plan for 2019-2020 to 2021-2022 for government and addressed our ten-year plan for capital.

April:

- A. Thank you to all who sent in feedback regarding the revised Health and Wellness policy. It was appreciated and many of the points were incorporated. A final vote on the updated policy will be made later this month.
- B. Joint City and School Boards annual meeting May 24th. We will have an opportunity to talk about issues of mutual interest – transportation, proposed City tax on hydro, school site allocation work, need for additional serviced school sites that are in the growth areas and the correct size (ie reflect the population), etc.
- C. We had a presentation on the Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) and Intervention protocol. We are working in partnership with community partners to develop and implement this protocol in both the City of St Albert and Sturgeon County. This supports collaborative planning among child/youth, families, schools and community agencies to reduce violence and to reflect safe, caring and restorative approaches. It fosters timely sharing of information about children/youth who pose a risk for violence towards themselves or others while respecting an individual's right to privacy to the fullest extent possible. I will answer any questions on this protocol at our next school council meeting.

- D. Education Plan strategies for the three years 2018-2021 were supported at our last Public Board meeting. These strategies reflect Trustees' strategic direction and our local context. Stakeholder feedback and emergent government initiatives are also given due consideration. These three-year strategies are reviewed and updated annually. As noted in the March report the 2018-2021 District Priorities and Outcomes were approved at the March 14th Public Board meeting.
- E. Board Priorities for our term strategies 2018-2019:
Support for Transitions, Changes and Growth
 What is working well? What can be changed? Help relieve stress of these changes. Some upcoming changes include a new Superintendent, opening of Joseph M Demko School, prepare for the new curriculum, and the replacement for Paul Kane announcement.
- Health, Wellness and Resiliency (includes mental health)*
 The new Health and Wellness policy has received much feedback from stakeholders and the final draft will soon be voted on and the policy updated. Start the conversation about initial marijuana processes.
- Political Advocacy and Community Engagement*
 Continue with the Transition 10 000 communication plan and three year capital plan (value added study). Develop short videos i.e. Who we are; What we do; Where we are heading.
- Promote and Celebrate District Innovation*
 Develop vehicles to communicate and celebrate initiatives such as Wisdom and Guidance; Mentorship; District Music Program. A lot of good things are being done in the district.
- Q.** At the Stakeholders Workshop there was discussion about how school can share best practices in the district. Can there be something for School Councils and parents?
- A.** There is good collaboration between schools. Some programs are pilot programs that if they are successful can be rolled out throughout the district. Maybe for information sharing between School Councils this should be brought forward at COSC.
- F. Transition 10, 000 – High School Accommodation Needs, a handout from District Office.
- G. Intended to speak to the recent government budget as it affects our school board. This will occur at the next meeting.

Student Activities: Paul Shamchuk reported on student union events.

- Humbolt Broncos many activities were student initiated. SU held the Jersey day.
- Next week, Thurs and Fri, will be 70's day. There will be trivia, students will be encouraged to dress-up and teachers were asked to bring in pictures of themselves in the 70's.
- ULEAD – A Summit on Educational Leadership. It has been running for 7 years and is an internationally attended conference for District and School Admin, LEAD Teachers and other teachers. This year there were about 12,000 attendees ranging from Iceland, Australia, Ireland and across Canada. Mr Shamchuk attended focusing on how to best use and renew the collaborative PD time teachers have on late entry Wednesdays. There was a presentation by an Industrial Designer about designing and redesigning learning spaces. This was interesting especially in light of the announcement to build a new structure for PK.
 At the May meeting Mr Shamchuk will share a condensed version of the sessions he attended and the lessons learned.

Drug Use in St Albert: by Constable MJ Burroughs

- Remember Drug use and addiction is not limited by socio-economics. What is seen and done elsewhere can be found here in St Albert too. Anything you see on Government and Drug Awareness website is seen here in St Albert.
- Currently, what is trending with St Albert youth is a move toward Meth use due to the fear of Fentanyl and Fentanyl laced drugs. Meth is seen as having a lower fatal overdose risk in initial use.

Fentanyl Fact Sheet provided had some interesting points including:

- It is a powerful prescription painkiller 100% more toxic than morphine
 - 2 milligrams of pure fentanyl (the size of about 4 grains of salt) is enough to kill the average adult
 - Unintentional exposure to pure fentanyl – touching or inhaling - can cause serious harm including death
 - It is odourless and tasteless and therefore hard to detect
 - It has been used in tablets made to look like prescription drugs
 - Has been mixed with other drugs such as heroin and cocaine
 - It is often found in powder, pill, liquid, and blotter form. Some nicknames include: Apache, China Girl, China White, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfella, Green Beans, Jackpot, Murder 8, Shady 80s, TNT, Tango and Cash.
 - Naloxone is a drug that can temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. It wears off within 30 – 90 minutes, so it is important to **still seek further medical attention**
 - Overdose Signs and Symptoms: severe sleepiness; slow, shallow breathing; lips and nails turn blue; unresponsiveness; gurgling or snoring sounds; cold, clammy skin; tiny pupils.
- For youth there is still a concern over alcohol and marijuana.
 - Youth know about the dangers and risks of alcohol through education programs like DARE and the PARTY Program. It is a different story for marijuana though. It is not as easy to outwardly identify when a person cannot drive due to the effects marijuana.

Marijuana

- Law Enforcement is frustrated that they do not know what the marijuana roll out will be like. There are many unanswered questions i.e. where and how it is acceptable to use; driving while under the influence; schools and enforcement with students; vaping with cannabis products; where do edible marijuana products fit in; etc.
- Another unknown is the extent of use. Maybe those who never tried it before due to illegalization will partake.

A way ahead:

- RCMP and the District will talk about a Gr 8 marijuana education program. This may be moved down to Gr 7 as an intro with a more in depth program in Gr 8. Education can make a difference, but it takes about 1 generation to do so.
- Have open discussions with your children to prepare them for when marijuana will be legal.
- Know what the legal age for use of marijuana is.
- Be aware that there is no research about the effects of second hand marijuana smoke.
- Not all marijuana is the same. It does not all have the same THC and other components in it. This is even true for medical marijuana.
- Marijuana has been linked to mental illness, particularly schizophrenia.

Alcohol

- If you drink alcohol, model responsible drinking behaviors. Children learn from what we do

not just what we say.

- Parents allowing alcohol consumption in their presence as it is a safe environment. Know the laws.
- Law Enforcement is seeing alcohol combined with other drugs i.e. Molly, Liquid G (GHB/Date rape drug), designer drugs and pill parties.

Take Home Points:

- There is a big learning curve. Educate yourself
- Have open communication and discussions with your children
- Be a good role model
- Know where they are going, who they will be with and know the parents of their friends/boyfriend/girlfriend
- There is lots of experimentation and combined with social media what is done sticks around.

Registration and Scheduling: by Liane Madsen

The registration requests are all entered and now the team is moving on to organizing the schedule.

The process is completely different from say a University where there are courses in specific slot and students are placed according to their requests.

Here the requests are inputted first and then numbers are tallied to see if a course can run, will it have more than one time slot, where the best fit will be, etc. For option courses the number of requests plays a vital role in its scheduling.

Once the course schedule has been figured out then enrollment in requested courses is confirmed and time tables are printed for students.

Wisdom and Guidance: Truth and Reconciliation Parent Series

The Wisdom & Guidance Committee in our district is hosting a private showing of the film Indian Horse.

Indian Horse is a newly released feature film and an adaptation of Richard Wagamese's award winning novel. It is a moving and important drama that sheds light on the dark history of Canadian Residential Schools and the indomitable spirit of Indigenous people.

The showing will be held on Monday, May 14th at 6:30pm at Landmark Cinemas, 800 St Albert Trail. Tickets are \$5 and are available through your PowerSchool account.

5. Next Meeting: May 17, 2018

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm