

Paul Kane High School

Council meeting minutes for March 15, 2018

1. In attendance: Elaine Wong, Rhonda Brown, Anna Wong, Michelle Neraasen, Marcie Gray, Julie Mann-Johnson, Tamara Mar, Duncan Knoll, Paul Shamchuk, Betty Hahn-Sidor (minutes)

2. Approval of the agenda - Changes to agenda: Michelle would like to have a position for a first persons native council position be placed in the agenda. Mtg min need to go to office to put on website - Doreen Brenholen

3. Approval of minutes - Michelle accepted and Rhonda seconded

4. Business:

Principals report:

Duncan Knoll presented on Parent student teacher conference taking place today and next Wednesday. Interviews can be booked on website. We had over 1000 interviews in first term and around 600 in second.

- Social Studies Speaker Series 2018:

March 6, National Aboriginal Speaker, Charlene Bearhead, educated Grade 11 students on issues and strategies related to Truth and Reconciliation. Elder Gilman Cardinal performed smudge blessing of our Project of Heart.

Approximately 60 students participated. Other events include Blanket Activity with Grade 10's on March 20th, Holocaust Symposium with Grade 11's on March 20, MLA Marie Renaud with Grade 10's on April 13th, and Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan with Grade 12's on April 20.

- French Immersion Visits:

March 9th over 100 Grade 9 students attended morning orientation session. Current estimates for Sept 2018 are 135 Grade 10 students in French Immersion Thanks to Dept heads, Candice Goonewardena and Catherine Lajoie for organizing the morning.

- Paul Kane Open House:

Took place on March 1st; thanks to School Council for running boot. Advanced Placement and French Immersion had 30 minute info sessions, then Cheer and Dance teams did demos for visitors.

- Enrollment projections:

Based on current trends, there will be well over 1000 students again next year. New Gr 10's approx. 360, Gr 11's will be 355, and Gr 12's 315, with approx. 25 returning to upgrade. Question asked re credit cap, - if students come back for fourth year are the credits still paid for? Students can acquire up to 45 credits for that second year. Mentioned that association of school councils in AB put in proposal that there would be 135 credit cap.

Would not likely negatively impact students unless taking more than 45 credits.

Trustee's report:

Duncan presented on behalf of Cheryl Dumont; Cheryl attending Alberta School Board Association Advocacy event for opportunity to speak with ministers and MLAs

- Provincial Funding Formula

The efficiencies our Board has introduced for cost savings with current funding model and challenges we are still experiencing in these areas:

- CEU cap
- Plant operation and maintenance (POM)
- Transportation

- Mental Health/Building Resiliency

The Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) model is a vital initiative school boards use to make a positive difference in lives of students

-share stories on how the RCSD in our area positively affects students

-talk about impact of reduced funding or elimination of the RCSD in our district

- Principal Knoll was given a Certificate of Recognition, for extraordinary service in fulfilling District's commitment to excellence at last night's Public Board meeting.

- Discussed and approved 3 year Education Plan District Priorities and Outcomes for 2018-2021, including: diverse needs of students met in inclusive learning environments, students demonstrate growth in literacy and numeracy skills, students are resilient and have skills to succeed when faced with opportunities and challenges, staff wellness and resiliency are supported through culture, collaboration and professional learning, and district growth is supported and managed by governance, public engagement and partnerships.

- Board approved 3 year Capital plan for 2019-2020 to 2021-2022 for government and addressed 10 yr plan for capital: number 1 priority is a new replacement 1650 student Paul Kane High school to be completed in 3 yrs.

- Duncan pointed out the request for new school on same property of Paul Kane then students could stay in current building while being built . Michelle talked about all options discussed on value added study that was done. Agreement was to continue advocating for third high school in St. Albert. The announcement of this project should be announced this spring. Marcy asked about current population in other schools. Renos done to Sachs already and Bellerose would require an extension. Still capacity at Sachs currently approx 60%. Modernization of PK would be close to same cost as new one.

Student Activities:

Paul Shamchuk reported on student union events, including PK Olympics had just been completed-6 straight lunch hours and lots of staff involved. 10 student teams (40-50 kids) and 1 teacher team over five days of competition including hockey shoot out, speed skating, bob sledding, biathlon event, and curling.

Tomorrow-Friday night : 41 boards games -grad fundraiser for families

Special prizes ,i.e. MVP, best shoot out move, etc. tremendous effort by kids and support by teachers especially Phys Ed.

St Patrick's event: we have shamrock shakes for \$1- for mitt and sock drive. April

still deciding -perhaps a theme day.

Graduation presentation by Jo Dodd: 2 grad parent information nights - one in Oct and next is April 10. We have several grad assemblies so that kids know what's going on, as well as email communications. How it works; we have election in May but likely June 1 for next year. Theme this year is 'tell everyone I'm on my way' by Phil Collins with formal color scheme- depends on what kids want to do. We don't sell tickets, commencement fee pays for all of that – ceremony happens in the morning and ends around 12:30 and then you need to be back at 4:30 for photo on balcony at Shaw Conference Centre. Everything is linked to the website, grad list is on Mypass. Website allows them to access everything and done electronically. PowerSchool only records what has been done within district, therefore no distance learning or other high school grades. We do alot of fundraising for grad; biggest one being gift cards – approx. \$6000 profit and easy to do. Fundraisers include: Bake sales, garage sales, cookie dough, outdoor events. Jo showed commemorative booklet that kids receive. Pictures are taken when they come off the stage, in cap and gown. Tix sold for graduation banquet. Shaw conference centre has good venue with tables. Need 8 minimum at table but hold up to 11 people; all tables have good views. Students make a slide show, with groups of friends together, at banquet which includes baby with grad photo. Grad dvd done by Harmon D which are no longer making DVDs this year but rather a link that will be sent to you. Cost is \$25. Yearbook does not come until the following Fall so not available for kids to sign when they graduate, however, they do organize a signing night. PK needs to rent all the equipment through the companies. Kids will need to organize their time that day, especially girls. Have asked not to have the after grad on the same day. Meal tickets are typically \$85 and grad fee is for cap and gown and booklets, and guests coming, and venue. No limitations on how many you can bring to convocation ceremony at the Shaw vs other venues such as Jubilee Auditorium. No alcohol sold at dinner and speeches happen before dinner. Grad assembly on the Tuesday before the ceremony and have cap and gown until the ceremony, where they give it back. Some years there are no after grads but in any case, parents are responsible for organizing. Last year it was at the end of their diploma exams, and having it the last week in June was ideal. A lot of the focus on fundraising is with the grade 12 students and parent council members mentioned they could make offers to other grades. Suggestion was to send out email offerings. Grad list will be up before spring break. Jo is retiring this year so someone else will be organizing next year.

Dr David Irvine- The Art of Caring:

Recommended speaker and he has written several books. Speaking on April 16 for the PD day. Council of School Councils was offered a parent presentation. The parent presentation will be on April 16th from 7 – 8:30pm at Lois E Hole in the gymnasium. The event is free, but since the topic is about caring please bring a donation to food bank. There are limited tickets.

Blanket exercise at Muriel Martin from 6:30-8pm for parents on April 9.
May 14: understanding impact of residential schools, 6:30-8 at Alexander Mckenzie.

The Art of Truth and reconciliation by George Littlechild on Mar 9 at 7pm at gallery@501.

Michelle asking for member to join school council as an elder, advisor on truth and reconciliation. By-laws identifies community member to join us and can be on agenda. Question put out as to if we want to make it a specific seat or to just have it as a community member. Sends a powerful message to create the position. We invite someone to take the position. Have their own spot on the agenda, share a story, attend assemblies, etc. impact on kids will have a visual. Michelle brought it forward and everyone present voted to 1. Create position as representative, then agreed, 2. to extend an invitation to join our council.

Rhonda said that it is not to the exclusion of anyone else attending In relation to parents and community members- all are always welcome. Michelle spoke about value of staying in school and Julie said that it is not to specify that group but to come together with all - the youth of community. Providing an additional perspective re First Nations. Goal is to have diverse school council.

Topics for next mtg:

Ms Madsen to speak about grade 9-10 time table, French immersion heads to speak about benefits of second language.

Addictions counsellor could come in April or May. District person could be asked by Duncan. Summer school might be other topic.

5. Next Meeting: April 19, 2018

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.