

Paul Kane High School

Council meeting minutes for May 17, 2018

1. In attendance: Trustee Cheryl Dumont, Carol Poulin, Cathy Lamoureux, Michelle Neraasen, Paul Shamchuk, Donna Nilsson, Betty Hahn-Sidor, Anna Wong, Rhonda Brown, and Principal Duncan Knoll

2. Approval of the agenda - Changes to agenda:

Journey into Africa on May 19, 2019- student donated tickets.

Duncan suggested that we invite the native position to attend council meetings when available. Michelle will follow up.

3. Approval of minutes from April meeting

4. Trustee's report:

May 24th – Joint City School Boards meeting – city is hosting. We host next year. Topics: marijuana, school site allocation, franchise fees, transportation, VITRA – violence threat risk assessment etc. Items of mutual interest.

Certificate presented to Caralyn Ludwig – first year teacher at Ronald Harvey – our Edwin Parr Nominee. Two Zone 2/3 finalists will be picked from a group of 19 next Friday May 25th.

Transportation Fees – a 10% increase was cut to a 5% increase (\$27,000 in deficit – would have been worse if bussing contracts had not come in less than last contract). We are already putting \$100,000 annually over the next four years towards the existing \$400,000 deficit. All over 2.4 km free. Not funded regular \$430 – not funded program of choice, standby \$460. Family max eligible \$1075 Program of choice – standby \$1150. Pass replacement same - \$15. Transportation survey is on government website.

Received a report on our music enrichment program. Teach collaboration & sharing of best practices. Great for students – brain development, engagement, life-long gift of music. Helping us build music programs from elementary school through Jr High and High school.

TEBA – central table bargaining items have been chosen. Proposals will be exchanged Sept 10th – 13 meeting dates finalized until Dec 4th.

Indigenous student awards – 2 SGS and 1 Paul Kane (Hanna Nash) honorable mentions. Honorable mention for indigenous award presented with star blankets and certificates

Our district putting forward advocacy for English language learning policy: Proposed ASBA policies ELL – funding increase (and for 7 not 5 years) and Alberta Ed support for curriculum

TEBA (Teacher Employer Bargaining Association) Central and Local Bargaining items have been determined for the next round of teacher bargaining. Current contract ends August 31st, 2018. Proposals are scheduled to be exchanged Sept 10th, 2018 and 13 days have been set aside for bargaining up to Dec 4th, 2018. More days may be added if needed.

☐☐ Indian Horse movie night May 14th – sold out – another step in our journey of truth & reconciliation.

☐☐ May 24 meeting with the city, Will be talking about school site allocations and lobbying for new high school. Need city to either buy land or figure out something else. Michelle asked about riverside and Cheryl mentioned Jensen Lakes will add students. Looking at dual language and k-9 grades.

☐☐ COSC meeting – discussion of Cannabis Talk Kit. Also talking about violent threat assessment agreement, identifying kids that are at risk to self or others- more about this in the fall. Discussion about marijuana legislation. As a district we have reached out to bring awareness- Kids brain development and impact, changing policy to include marijuana to smoking policy.

5. Principals report:

☐☐ **PK 2021** – On Friday, May 4th I visited Archbishop Jordan High School in Sherwood Park. This is a new high school with many modern amenities. Krimsen Sumners, Marianne Barrett, Michael Brenneis and I had a tour lead by Heather Thomson, Assistant Principal. We spoke with a number of staff members regarding the new building and gleaned specific ideas on how this relates to a new Paul Kane. We are planning further “new school” visits in June.

☐☐ **2018-2019 School Fees** – Schools and school districts in the province have been requested to pre-determine all fees for the upcoming year. This is an effort by the provincial government to increase reporting and have more predictable fees for families. A comprehensive list of all possible fees for each school within St. Albert Public Schools has been prepared and submitted to the Minister of Education for approval. In accordance with the School Fees and Costs Regulations, consultation with parents is a requirement. At Paul Kane we will do this through our School Council. Attached is the 2018-2019 list of fees for Paul Kane High School. This list will also be published on our school and district website shortly.

☐☐ **Confucius Classroom Approval** – At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29th at Paul Kane we will be hosting the Confucius Classroom Ceremony. Dignitaries from Qilu Normal University in China will be visiting our school. At that time, we will sign a Memorandum of Understanding followed by student entertainment, a school tour and a light lunch. Qilu Normal University specializes in teacher training and has an affiliated high school. We look forward to the partnership and growing our knowledge of the Chinese culture and the Mandarin language.

☐☐ **Staffing** – We are going through the process of solidifying staffing and scheduling for next year. Science Department Head Ruby Solomon will be moving to an Assistant Principal role, as Joanne Dodd is retiring. Also teacher Marina Padovan will be taking over the Science Department Head position. Other staffing decisions are being made as the 2018-2019 timetable evolves.

Discussion ensued around adding another vice principal so that there are three more rather than having Duncan take a grade- he currently has grade 11. Duncan feels like the school is managing as they have been for the last 6 yrs. They will consider if needed, and can look at that annually. Equally lean at district level, but as you add new schools it's worth looking at. As long as student population continues to grow, that helps.

FNMI and Friends – Our FNMI and Friends group is planning a North Saskatchewan River Canoe Trip on Thursday, June 14th. In addition, student Hannah Nash and a sub-committee are organizing a “We The People” walk supporting Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The walk starts at Lion’s Park in St. Albert at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 24th. A short program will follow starting at 12:00. The students are currently developing a communication plan, designing t-shirts and organizing volunteers.

Student Activities: Paul Shamchuk reported on student union events.

April 26-27 was 70's activities including Beat the Clock, photo booth, 70's dress up day, 70's hits, teacher photos, etc. Coming up next Thursday is May days bbq. June 1 is bring your own banana (banana splits), wrap up. Then start planning for grade 10 orientation.

Banff conference attended called uLead 2018

Simon Breakspear presented ‘Learning Sprints Program’ consisting of three phases: prepare, sprint and review. Learning Sprints is an organizational routine that supports robust teacher team learning, where teachers would work on little pieces to achieve a cumulative effect, rather than “improve literacy”. A Sprint would be one goal ie. Work on something intensely for one week. Education is often specific but does not transfer. At Agile schools, the learning sprints process has been designed to be simple, relevant and manageable for teachers and their leaders.

Paul talked about a specific session presented at the conference on competencies regarding what does matter: creativity, social learning, quality learning environments, not to just say they are important but actually measure it, i.e. Citizenship. Data doesn't need to be test data but through observation, artifacts, health (what does matter). Professional learning cultures: reading across subjects such as poetry used in science context. Teachers aren't just in front of students to fetch marks. Let's measure what matters (<https://peopleforeducation.ca/>) webpage. He also talked about practical creativity.

BCTF Teacher Inquiry Program: Leading From Within which reflects on the process. Teachers' professional development looked at the Professional Development Lens - that is continuous that fits with individual teacher goals. An activity needs to be relevant, responsible and autonomous, before it should be considered professional development. Talked about different things staff are doing around pointed focus, going through process and identifying effect. Discussed collaborative effort, 'people for education' linked to Ontario government. Paul Kane teachers presented professional initiative and decided which projects they would continue or try something new-building teacher capacity, creating networks between departments. Teaching staff already doing some of these things prior to seeing model at conference. Self-efficacy over professional development.

Cosc: booklet called cannabis talk kit. www.drugfreekidscanada.org . Place some clips on Paul Kane website.

Duncan thanked parents and Paul for sharing and the importance of group/ council.

5. Next Meeting: September 13, 2018

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm