

MINUTES

Paul Kane School Council

November 15, 2018 | Meeting called to order at 19:00

- In Attendance

Beth Elliott, Glenys Edwards, Carol Poulin, Paul Shamchuk, Duncan Knoll, Elaine Wong, Michelle Neraasen, Cathy Gagne, Candice Goonewardena

- Business

- a. Teacher Presentation

Candice Goonewardena, French Immersion and Yoga teacher, attended our meeting. We went to her classroom where she reviewed both subjects. The yoga course is a locally developed course and falls under the physical education stream. She focuses on movement, mindfulness and relaxation. 15 credits in French classes are required to receive a French Immersion Certificate. Ms. Goonewardena teaches Biology in both English and French.

- b. Clubs/Activities/Sports – Paul Shamchuk

Currently the school has 14 clubs for students and 15 teachers are involved with helping to run the clubs. Some examples are Student Union, Slam Poetry, SAGA, FMNI & Friends and Kpop. Club meetings typically occur at lunch.

There was \$6,000 in clothing orders this fall for Paul Kane clothing. The items should be in and distributed the end of the month.

On October 31st there was a costume contest in the lounge. Student Halloween activities took place in the lounge on the 30th instead of in the classroom. One activity was costume creation which showed just how talented our students are.

Jersey Day is coming up next week. There are a lot of activities coming in December for Christmas. PK Unplugged will take place in the cafeteria on Dec 20th.

- c. Principal Report – Duncan Knoll

Mr. Kai Fong won the St. Albert Rotary Club Teacher of the month award for October. Mr. Fong currently teaches Math 30-2, Robotics and Mandarin. He is currently in Japan with a group of our students visiting Takamizu High School.

For the next two months, Paul Kane is hosting three exchange students from Hokkeido, Japan.

Parent Student Teacher interviews recently took place over two weeks on October 24 and November 1. There were 868 appointments booked by 279 parents for 309 students.

Last year we switched from Josten's to Friesen's for our PK Yearbooks. Samples were brought in and the school is pleased with the outcome.

RCMP is coming in to give a presentation to the Grade 11 students on the cannabis legalization next week. The information is also planned to be shared with the Grade 10 and 12 students as well.

Phantom of the Opera presentation will take place in January. The Friday night show is already sold out.

d. Trustee Report – Glenys Edwards

One of the duties of Trustees is to monitor academic success of the students in the district. Last night at the Trustee meeting, results from the Grade 6 and 9 provincial exams were presented. Our district had very strong results. Analysis of the additional time given to the students for writing exams found that there was not an improvement in results for the Grade 9 students.

Trustees will be meeting this fall with the Provincial Association of Trustees Meeting. All 61 Trustee Boards come together to agree on policy positions to bring to the Alberta Government.

- Other Business

Next Meeting: Thursday January 17, 2019 7 PM

Meeting adjourned 20:40 p.m.