

MINUTES

Paul Kane School Council

October 18, 2018 | Meeting called to order at 19:10

- In Attendance

Beth Elliott, Julie Mann-Johnson, Tamara Mar, Paul Shamchuk, Duncan Knoll, Marwa Elmarshedy, Michelle Neraasen, Cathy Gagne Lamoureux, Glenys Edwards, Kelly Spence

- Approval of last month's minutes

- Michelle Neraasen

- Business

- a. Student Services – Kelly Spence

School Counsellor Kelly Spence joined us to give an overview of Student Services. Some of the services that are provided in Student Services include student accommodations, grad requirement reviews, career counselling for university/college entrance, personal counselling, transcripts, how to apply for scholarship lunch hour meetings, post secondary open houses and how to apply for university sessions. A big part of their day is spent with personal counselling of students.

- b. Clubs/Activities/Sports – Paul Shamchuk

Teacher Paul Shamchuk reviewed recent activities at the school. Despite the bad weather, they had a good turnout at the football game tailgate party in September. Club day went well and each club has now started regular meetings. Taste of Kane took place today – it is a multicultural festival of food. There is an upcoming student union retreat at the school on Sunday Oct 21st to focus on planning for events for the year. Halloween events are coming up soon; a Haunted House is planned for October 30th.

- c. Principal Report – Duncan Knoll

Parent, student and teacher interviews take place on Oct 24th and Nov 1st. Mr. Knoll reviewed the following 6 topics.

Accountability Pillar 2019 – Paul Kane continues to perform well as indicated in the Alberta Government Accountability Pillar Survey. In 12 of the 13 measured categories Paul Kane registered a good or excellent designation. In 8 of the 13 categories Paul Kane has an overall rating of excellent. Our lowest measure category is in parental involvement where the overall measure evaluation is in the acceptable level.

Learning Sprints – Six of our science teachers attended the Agile Schools Learning Sprints Workshop at the Alberta Teachers' Association building this week. The concept is basically, having a team of teachers develop a strategy to improve specific learning over a short period of time. It is recommended that each team could complete up to four sprints in the school year.

Paul Kane OnSIDE – Paul Kane has an OnSIDE classroom that offers over 200 courses through the Alberta Distance Learning Centre. Courses are to be completed within one year of the initial registration date.

Awards Night – Tuesday October 16th Awards Night was held at the Arden Theatre. Over 400 students, parents and staff attended and the event only lasted 90 minutes this year.

Paul Kane High School Japanese Trip - From Nov 7 – Nov 17, 8 of our students will be travelling to Japan to experience a very unique culture and connect with our Sister School Takamizu.

Indigenous Peoples Atlas – At our last Administrative Council Meeting each district school was issued a four volume Indigenous Peoples Atlas. It will be shared with our Social Studies Department and then bar coded for our library.

d. Trustee Report – Glenys Edwards

Our newest school to open, Lois E. Hole, is already overcapacity and the Board is asking for portables to be brought in. The Joseph M. Demko School is scheduled to open in September 2019 in Jensen Lakes. The new Paul Kane school has gone out for tender and they anticipate ground breaking to begin in the spring of 2020. Hopefully, it will open to students in the fall of 2022.

Part of the Trustee's job is to rewrite district policy. This fall they are working on updating the policy on alcohol and smoking to include cannabis and vaping. They are planning on circulating a draft to school council and schools after Christmas and a final draft by spring 2019.

The Board has asked St. Albert City Council if they could be exempt from the idle free bylaw for school buses and this has been approved.

- Other Business

- a. Cathy attended the most recent COSC meeting and brought back the following discussion items. The parent survey that recently took place had approximately 1,700 participants. The District did well overall. There was discussion if a student should be attending the School Council meetings. This has occurred in the past. There is going to be demographic/boundary moving for the new schools that are opening. This will impact students and parents. A survey – Thought Exchange – will be available for the impacted parties. There was a request for thoughts on isolation/seclusion rooms in schools.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 15, 2018 7 PM

Meeting adjourned 20:55 p.m.