



Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary School Council
September 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes
CPWS Conference Room Following AGM

Present: Amy Morice (Vice Chair), Suzi Neufeld (Parent), Megan Leusink (Vice-Principal), Kim Alexander (Vice-Principal), Curtis Uyesugi (Principal), Baylli Hain (Parent), Andrea Klassen (Parent), Amy Hass (Parent), Debbie Laturnus (Trustee), Sharron Rutledge (Trustee), Becky Gudmundson (Parent), Jenn Jesse (Parent), Josh Martens (Teacher Rep), Carley Campbell (Chair), Shannon Little (Parent)

1. **Call Meeting to Order @ 7:20 pm** (meeting chaired by Shannon Little) by Shannon Little
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additions/Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion to accept the Agenda as presented
1st Amy Morice. 2nd Amy Hass. **Carried**

4. **Reports**

- a. Trustee Report - (Sharon Rutledge) Attachment #1
- b. Administrators Report - (CPWS Admin) - Attachment #2

Additional Questions/concerns:

- Why is bussing not available for athletics?
 - There are not enough extra busses or bus drivers available for athletics. The fee for bussing is also an obstacle for using busses for athletics.
- Bus times in the morning.
 - The transfer at Kate Andrews has been happening minutes before the PW warning bell and is causing students to be late for first period. Curtis has been in contact with transportation and they are working on getting the schedule sorted out for all Coaldale schools.
- Will students have the opportunity to earn credits for CTS classes that have been delayed due to equipment that arrived late or hasn't arrived yet?
 - Students are not able to earn credits if the work has not been completed. The first month has been used for the required safety portion of the course so Admin is hopeful all potential credits will be available for students to earn.
- Student Handbook and Policies
 - A student handbook is not available at this time as staff is still getting a feeling for the building and how the grade reconfiguration works together.
- Community concern about the student bathrooms.
 - Since the community has had a chance to view how the bathrooms are constructed, there has been less concern over the bathroom configurations.
- Lockdown Protocol
 - Palliser is working on getting blinds for the classrooms which will be used during lockdowns.
- Discussion about the development around the school.

- Current (tentative) plans are:
 - North side of the school is where the Football Field will be constructed. Plans include a rubberized track surrounding the field and seating for fans. Hopefully this will be ready for the 2025-26 school year.
- c. Teacher Rep Report - (Josh Martens) Attachment #3
- d. Student Rep Report - (presented by Josh Martens) Attachment #4

5. **Business Arising**

- a. None

6. **New Business**

- a. Academic Awards for 2023-2024 School Year (from KAHS)
 - i. Happening some time in October. Notices will be sent with dates and more information.
- b. ASCE (Alberta School Council Engagement Grant) - \$500 carry over from KAHS + \$500 for CPWS for the 2024-25 school year
 - i. Discussion on possible uses to bring parents into the building. Kim will continue to keep her eye open for options.

7. **CPWS 'Toasts'**

- a. Thank you to the staff for working through the kinks in the first few weeks and making the students feel welcome!
- b. Thank you to staff from both schools (KA and RIBMS) that have worked so well together as a blended staff.

8. **Yearly Meeting Dates (7pm)**

- a. November 20th

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at p.m.
1st Shannon Little. 2nd Amy Morice. **Carried**

Attachment #1

Trustee Report

Presented by Sharon Rutledge, Trustee

Highlights of Sept Board Meeting

HOME EDUCATION UPDATE

Palliser's Home Education Program has undergone significant changes from a small number of students to a dramatic increase. The new program is operated through Palliser Beyond Borders under the leadership of Principal Jason Kwasny and Facilitator Laurie Zienchuck. The program has focused on building a community of families committed to high quality learning with meaningful experiences for students through field trips, in person workshops in language/fine arts and Celebrations of Learning showcasing students talents and skills.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION UPDATE

Shane Cranston spoke of a new software platform to enhance support for inclusive education. It is hoped that this platform will enable support teams to collaborate more effectively and efficiently between staff, families and students to ensure continuity of support as students transition between grades, schools and beyond.

CELL PHONES SCHOOL POLICIES

The Government of Alberta announced an initiative in June 2024, that requires school divisions to restrict access to cell phones and other personal devices during class time. A survey conducted by the Government of Alberta prior to the new directive, revealed strong support from partners, guardians, educators, and even many students.

For more information on how Palliser is supporting this Government initiative, please refer to the document "[Cell Phone Policy Guidelines](#)" or contact your child's school.

Special Note: [The Air Quality Guidelines for Schools](#) has just been posted on the Palliser website. It can be found under Staff Quick Links, Parent Quick Links and on the Inclement Weather section of the Parents page of the website.

Next Board Meeting Tuesday, October 8th, 2024

Attachment #2

Administrators Report

Presented by Curtis Uyesugi, Principal; Kim Alexander, Vice Principal; Megan Leusink, Vice Principal

Principal's Report - September 2024

- Challenges:
 - Some furniture still missing
 - The cosmetology and fashions room needs equipment
 - Mechanics and fabrication space need equipment
 - Furniture for the staff room
 - A/V equipment
 - Tech issues
 - Culinary Program
 - Fridays on Edsby
- Successes:
 - School start up
 - Students have positive comments about the building
 - Most of our furniture is now here
 - Top-of-the-line equipment
 - The grounds are looking great
 - Two schedules are starting to work together well
 - Athletics
- Culture and staff combining work at the start of the year (ongoing throughout the year) Lyndsey Spring (Health Promotion Facilitator, Healthy Schools) - culture, workplace wellness, mission and vision.
- Cell phone policy
- APOP - Alberta Post Secondary Pilot Project. (maybe 6 HS in Province)
- Alberta Post Secondary Options Project (pilot program)
- Grad
 - Changes are coming.
 - End of May Banquet. Convocation in June with awards.
- Grand Opening - Oct 4

Attachment #3
Teacher Rep Report
Presented by Josh Martens

Drama News:

- CPWS Drama department has casted Alice in Wonderland Jr the musical and will begin rehearsals next week.
- Approx 40 students are involved from grades 7-12.
- The show is set to run January 29 - Feb 1 in the theatre!

Athletics report:

- Fundraiser for our Athletics program launched today, selling discount cards through a website called vertical reach.
- We host our home junior high tournament this weekend, using 4 courts, 2 at PW, 2 at the Rec Center.
- We host a huge Senior Varsity tournament (32 teams) next weekend Oct 4/5th. We will be using 6 courts Friday (2 rec center, 2 PW, 1 RI Baker and 1 KAHS). It's going to be busy!
- Fan appreciation for volleyball is next week October 2nd for high school boys.
- Our boys team for high school golf will return from Provincials tonight. They finished 7th in the Province, congratulations to them!

We have an amazing staff that has gone above and beyond to ensure that our students have had the best start possible at Prairie Winds.

Attachment #4
Student Rep Report
Presented by Josh Martens

Student Council Report:

- Student Council is looking forward to a new school year and has already begun making plans!
- So far, we have supported staff with opening days by selling hot dogs during the Food Truck Frenzy!
- We carried on our tradition from Kate Andrews by providing the student body with First Friday Freezies!
- Club Rush was a success as it attracted many new members to our council!
- We helped out during the Open House by giving tours and bringing up the vibes with our school mascot!
- We supported athletics by handing out free popcorn and providing mascot duties at Fan Appreciation Night!

Upcoming plans:

- WILD Fridays! We will encourage students and staff to participate in WILD Fridays by wearing black and yellow or their WILD gear to school.
- We intend to provide tours at the Grand Opening on October 4th.
- We are planning a Harvest Hoedown/Autumn Party (name TBD) for October with food, pumpkin carving, games, competitions, and music!
- Plans for halloween have begun and we are in the early stages of planning for Remembrance Day.