

MINUTES

Paul Kane School Council

April 23, 2020 | Meeting called to order at 19:15

- In Attendance

Julie Mann-Johnson, Paul Shamchuk, Marwa Elmarshedy, Michelle Neraasen, Erin Steele, Elaine Wong, Marcie Gray, Beth Elliott, Judy Krajnak, Rob Tinga, Jackie, Kathy Dawson, Carol Poulin, Lisa Whitson, Mohammed Abu-Sharkh, Sherif Refaat, Heather Jeffery, Kim Armstrong,

- Approval of previous month's minutes

- February 2020 Minutes: Elaine Wong and seconded Heather Jeffery

- Business

- Principal Report – Erin Steele

1. Remote Online learning - We didn't choose this and the staff is a bit overwhelmed with the change. Staff is focussing on maintaining relationships with students.

2. Staff Reduction - Support staff was given notice on April 16th. Last day will be April 30th. This includes Admin assistant 3, all EA's and library tech. Hopefully they will be recalled for September. Temporary layoff due to pandemic and the staff can access CERB benefits. Took place because of the fact that budget was reduced by the government by 14%

3. Grades:

a. Focus on equity, not punitive to students and assessment of grades. Students receive 3 hr instruction per core course per week now which is half of what students were getting in school. The instruction has to have face to face instruction, not just assignments given. Grades as of March 19 in Powerschool will be their minimum grade. Students, keep up with assignments to finish course. Marks will not drop but they can improve.

b. Still working on assessment i.e., how will grades go up – this is still in the process of being determined. Marks, attendance etc will be updated in Powerschool. Will be documented if there are gaps in learning from where the course left off this semester to the next course level next year.

4. Grad Following direction of the Chief Medical Officer

a. It has been postponed for next month. Hope to have alternative plan for the fall graduation instead. Waiting on direction from Chief Medical Officer before final plans can be made.

b. Grad committee has a plan and they will communicate once finalized. All grad money raised will be going towards it. Meeting with faculty heads and then communicate after that.

5. Summer school, still a go for now. Not sure what the delivery method will be yet. If online instruction, it will be a full online instruction – the full 80 hrs of instruction. Not sure yet if it will be in school or remote.

6. Returning Grade 12's, Will be directed to outreach for next year for extra classes.

a. ADLC will be directed to Outreach. No longer at Paul Kane.

7. 2020-21 Projections: Very healthy numbers

BUDGET – so far, up 70 kids and down at least 4 teachers for next school year. Budget has been set; classes will be bigger in some cases. Budget is now set on a per pupil basis (\$6000) and no longer based on credits. Estimating we will have 390 grade 10 students, 392 grade 11 students and 305 grade 12 students next year. Healthy grade 10 and 11 population for next year.

Have to build timetable now for fall, can no longer generate money with credits later. Open house drew second largest grade 10 population in the last 10 years. Course without enough enrolment by the end of May, could result in the course being cancelled.

AP exams are going ahead. Reduced exam but still happening.

- Clubs/Activities/Sports – Paul Shamchuk
 1. Teacher Paul Shamchuk - open house was 5 March. It was a great success. Lots of attendees and lots of kids in building promoting clubs/sports.
 2. Paul Kane Clothing order has arrived, it is at the school. They are arranging for pick up by appointment starting this week.
 3. Student Union – kids want to still try and do some activities, kids joined up quickly and wanted to do spirit type activities. It will be by google meets.
 4. Couple of other clubs are still having activities – trying to meet together online.
 5. Challenging time, level of activity is down but they may be down but not out!
 6. Soccer and Rugby will not be happening.
 7. One Acts Plays were unable to take place.

- Trustee Report – Kim Armstrong
 1. Board is still meeting virtually, still having public meetings with the ability to phone in and be part of it. Senior admin at district office have been working very hard. Dealing with Covid, School Closure and with budget changes.
 2. Returning grade 12 – so doing an 4th or 5th year of high school – will no longer be funding as a full time student. They will be getting perhaps half the funding for the 4th year and 25% for 5th year. This is partially why they are moving to Outreach.
 3. Summer school will be getting less funding and will also necessitate a change. There is a now a 10 credit limit. Prorotation will take place.
 4. CTS and drama options – those kinds of courses, if there is low enrolment, the classes may have to be rethought/changed to be able to continue. Funding formula will treat these courses differently.
 5. Weighted moving average of student enrolment is what the funding is based on.
 6. District still working on the capital plan to the government to have a new high school, maybe north east corner of St. Albert. They have confirmed if the high school goes forward, then we won't have to build onto Bellerose. If the new high school doesn't go through, then the renovations to Bellerose will still happen.

- Other Business

1. School Council – this was our first meeting using google meets. We had some struggles but made it work.
2. Alberta School Council of Alberta annual general meeting takes place on Sunday, April 26, 2020.

Next Meeting: Thursday May 21, 2020 19:00 PM

Meeting adjourned 20:54 p.m.