

MINUTES

Paul Kane School Council

February 20, 2020 | Meeting called to order at 19:03

- In Attendance

Julie Mann-Johnson, Paul Shamchuk, Marwa Elmarshedy, Michelle Neraasen, Erin Steele, Elaine Wong, Heather Jeffery, Donna Nilsson, Kim Armstrong, Colleen Anderson, Marcie Gray, Beth Elliott, Judy Krajnak

- Approval of previous month's minutes

- January 2020 Minutes: Marwa Elmarshedy and seconded Marcie Gray
- November 2019 Minutes: Judith Krajnak and seconded by Heather Jeffery

- Business

- Principal Report – Erin Steele

1. Mr. Steele introduced us to the new Assistant Principal, Colleen Anderson. Ms. Anderson is replacing Leann Marsden who is retiring at the end of the school year. Ms. Anderson brings with her many years of teaching and counselling experience and we are excited to have her join the Paul Kane staff.
2. We will have a teacher presentation at the March 2020 meeting.
3. There was much discussion about the upcoming Provincial Budget to be released next week and the changes that are coming to the funding for Education in the province. There is an expectation that the current funding model of per credit funding is changing to a per student funding plus 10% for high school students. There is also a calculation with respect to previous years enrollment to factor in as well. The district is expecting to receive less funding that we received previously which will unfortunately likely result in staff cuts. We will have to wait and see what is in the budget and discuss next meeting.
4. There has been collaborative work between teachers and administrators at Paul Kane with Dustin Louie, Professor at the University of Calgary, on decolonizing the classroom. This is a concept of rebuilding the school system, so it supports all students, staff and teachers.
5. Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on March 12th and 18th. Appointments will be booked online like before.
6. School Open house will take place on March 5.
7. Junior High Recruitment is being organized by Leann Marsden this year. She is going to each junior high school in the district to promote Paul Kane High School.
8. Discussion was had regarding the Draft Ministerial Order. The draft is quite different from the existing Ministerial Order and concern was raised with respect to the changes and omissions. The Ministerial Orders are fundamental to the curriculum in the province. For example, mental health, arts and culture, technology, inclusion. Here is the link: <https://www.alberta.ca/vision-for-student-learning-engagement.aspx>
9. FNMI – the club hosted a lunch hour smudge and there was a screening attended by staff of a Colton Boushie documentary. This film will be available to students and parents with showings at Landmark Cinemas on May 20th.
10. On April 29, the Career Fair will take place at Paul Kane. It was a great success last year.

11. Paul Kane High School will be administrating the DELF exam for French this year. This is an internationally recognized program. They hope to expand it to Spanish in 2021.

<https://www.ciep.fr/en/delf-dalf>

- Clubs/Activities/Sports – Paul Shamchuk

1. Teacher Paul Shamchuk reviewed recent activities at the school. This is the start of a new semester, so events are starting up again. Recently, there was Valentine Hearts on the wall through the school. Every student and teacher had their name in a heart on the wall. 36 of these people were lucky winners of Hershey Kisses!
2. The school open house will take place on March 5th and the Student Union members will be present to help make the event a success. It will run from 5:30 – 8 PM.
3. The Paul Kane clothing store is up and running again until March 15th. There is one item of Grad clothing included in this sale.

- Trustee Report – Kim Armstrong

1. The most recent public Board meeting took place on January 22nd. They are reducing the number of public Board meetings to once per month.
2. The Board of Trustees presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mike Fiorillo, Teacher, Hockey Academy, in recognition of his extraordinary service in fulfilling the district's commitment to excellence.
3. The Board of Trustees approved the authorization of Mental Health Literacy 15 for 3 credits, for use in the division until August 31, 2023.
4. The Board of Trustees provided direction to circulate the draft board policy E140, Field Trips and the accompanying regulations. This does not include international field trips.
5. It was recommended by the Board of Trustees approve, in accordance with section 79 of the Education Act, the corporate name of the school division to be "St. Albert Public School Division" effective January 1, 2020 subject to the approval of the Minister of Education.
6. The Board is awaiting the budget announcement next week. After the announcement, each jurisdiction will meet with government in the month of March to see how things will look in the future. They have already begun their own internal allocation of funds, subject to the spring provincial budget and funding framework announcement. They do know that funding is going to be spread over 3 semesters each year with the total amount a student can obtain in summer semester being capped at 10 credits. This is a reduction and may impact HELA Camp. They do not expect there to be any changes to the transportation budget.

- Other Business

1. School Council will have a table again at this year's open house on March 5th. If you are available to attend and can help, please let Michelle or Beth know.
2. Alberta School Councils Association Advocacy Resolutions Package 2020 was circulated amongst the group. Please review and provide feedback to Beth by March 13th.

Next Meeting: Thursday March 19, 2020 19:00 PM

Meeting adjourned 21:00 p.m.