

COALHURST HIGH SCHOOL
Council Minutes
Oct 11, 2011

Attendance: Ron DeMaere, Shannon Collier, Diane Pommen, Deanna Storfie, Janet Mercer, Cheryl Reynolds, Kathy Wallocha, Brent and Kim Orich.

Call to Order and Welcome: Meeting called to Order at 6:35 pm. A welcome to all in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Diane that we adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Kathy.

Carried

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Ron that the Sep 12,11 minutes be adopted as read.

Seconded by Janet.

Carried

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- **Sports Banners:** We now have all our new replacement banners back from Design Signs. We are awaiting a lift from Palliser so that Ron can install them in the gym. We did find a sixth banner that was in need of replacement as well and which was included with the others. We will need a motion for payment.

Moved by Deanna S. that we replace a sixth banner at a cost of \$ 85.00 + tax to Design Signs.

Seconded by Brent.

Carried.

- **Outdoor Basketball Court:** Discussion ensued considering options for our existing tennis courts. Should we keep the tennis courts and upgrade them while teaching and promoting the sport of tennis in the school and community or renovate them into a basketball court? Is it possible to have both? A Community Wellness Grant could be applied for next September with a proposal plan. It is a matching grant that we would ask the Town of Coalhurst to consider helping us out with. Also, Palliser owns the tennis courts and may help donate labour as well as some parents that have access to equipment. A plan would have to be in place by spring. For short term ideas, it was suggested that the CTS trailer could have a project for the spring to install basketball hoops at the tennis courts. Will check with Heather Caldwell concerning the grant and readdress at a later date.
- **Teacher Wish List:** At the next staff meeting a wish list will be compiled.
- **Terry Fox Run:** CHS raised \$683.00 just slightly down from last year's \$750.00. As a whole though donations were up from Coalhurst this year due to both schools being involved. The event went very well with our students being paired up with the elementary students. One comment however, was that there needed to be more students running the course. The pairing up of High school students with Elementary school students needed to take into consideration those who wished to run and those who wished to walk. Some students felt their choice was made by their younger partner. Also, the stickers should be contained within the premises as the garbage from them was a bit of a mess.

Report from Palliser School Division - Board Highlights Sept 20,11:

- **Transportation Agreements:** The Board reviewed recommendations for agreements with neighboring school divisions for transportation of students living in one jurisdiction but attending school in another. For more information please refer to the Palliser Website.
- **Bus Route Adjustments:** The Board received a presentation on a number of proposed adjustments to bus routes. The changes came after consultation with the families and bus drivers. The Board discussed the need to rethink school start times which are often driving the early pickup times.
- **Science Fair Opportunities:** The Lethbridge Regional Science Fair will be held in March 2012 and is open to students from Grades 4 through 12. For those who move on and succeed at the national level of which will be held in Prince Edward Island in May 2012, there are thousands of dollars available in scholarships. (There are guidelines available for financial support of students attending national-level events.) The Science Fair is a viable opportunity for students of all types, not just academic superstars.

- **Enrolment numbers:** Early numbers as of Sept 8, 2011 show Palliser had 6,622 students from ECS to Grade 12. The numbers were up slightly from the budget projection overall. The official enrolment number however, on which Palliser's funding is based, is taken on Sept 30, 2011.

Principal's Report:

- **Diploma and PAT Results:** Our school did very well and performed above the provincial average! The results will be presented in detail at the next meeting.
- **Theatre Calgary:** We have 65 students as of now attending Theatre Calgary on Oct 13,11 for the play "To Kill a Mockingbird". The buses will leave CHS at 8:30 am and return around 5:00 pm. Any remaining tickets will be open to the junior highs and parents/siblings at a cost of \$20.00 each. This is a wonderful opportunity you don't want to miss!
- **IEPT:** The Inclusive Education Planning Tool is a pilot program this year with next year being mandatory. The IEPT is a learner profile for every student.

Financial Report:

- Balance as of Sept 12, 2011		\$ 6263.79
- Revenue:		
Concession		497.00
- Expenses:		
Concession	\$ 572.16	
Design Signs (Banners)	535.50	
Assembly (Gifts)	55.97	
Theatre Calgary	1500.00	
Total Expenses		2663.63
- Closing Balance as of Oct 12, 2011		\$ 4097.16

Fundraising:

- Our fundraising at this point has been the Concession for the home games and tournament weekends. A Huge thank you goes to Joanne Mohrmann and the volunteers who help and support this ongoing fundraiser. Another suggestion offered previously was the sale of Safeway Cards. Kathy will check into the details and report back. Save-On Foods may also be an option now that it is expanding to the west side. This would be a relatively easy fundraiser as everyone has to buy groceries, however, as noted in the past, the only drawback would be the money needed up front to purchase the cards. As incentive to sell, prizes could be offered to the students with donations given to help fund the prizes. Another incentive would be to fundraise for a particular purpose or project of interest to the students.

Student Council Report:

- There is no student council representative chosen as of yet, however, the Halloween activities are being discussed and will be similar to previous years. It was suggested that a scarecrow stuffing contest might be of interest to include in the activities. An email to Robyn will be sent to see if this could be an option they would implement.

School Spirit:

- **Staff Recognition:** It was discussed and decided that we would continue to acknowledge and appreciate three of our staff members at each assembly. We would give out gift certificates of \$15.00 each to Tim Horton's.

Moved by Deanna S. that we spend \$45.00 per month on Staff appreciation.

Seconded by Cheryl.

Carried.

- **Student Contest:** For all the students, whether they have read the book "To Kill a Mockingbird" or not, have been offered a chance to answer questions on the novel and submit their name and answers into a draw. Posters were drawn up to promote this activity and a gift basket of assorted items are to be awarded to the winner. A big thank you to Diane Pommen for coming up with the questions, Kellie Wirzba for the posters, and Lorree McKinnon for her generous gift basket. The draw will take place just before the students trip to Theatre Calgary. It was suggested by Ron that we offer to pay Lorree back for the expense of the gift basket.

Moved by Ron that we pay Lorree McKinnon up to \$25.00 for the gift basket items.

Seconded by Janet.

Carried.

- **Assemblies:** It was suggested that at the assemblies we project the words to the national anthem on the overhead screen or perhaps flash Canadian images as opposed to just staring at the flag. Arlene Purcell is wonderful with power point and has been a great help in the past with keeping us on track and making assemblies more interesting. Ron will converse with Arlene Purcell as to the suggestions. As another option the Junior High Choir will also be performing the anthem when practiced and ready.

Recognition of Students:

- We do not have any names as of yet for student recognition. The Chamber of Commerce however, has an idea for student recognition with the criteria yet to be determined. It would be a citizen of tomorrow award with a certificate most likely for the Junior High Level. Sponsors would be needed to support each grade, possibly around \$10.00 a month. Shannon Collier will have more information at our next meeting.
- Deanna S. wished to mention Kenzee Dupuis, as she stepped in at the Girls JV Volleyball game in Kainai and helped out when the Ref was delayed. She did a wonderful job as a Ref! Thank You!

Grad Update:

- Tomorrow the grads will be able to choose their grad rings from Jostens.

New Business:

- **Turkey Bingo:** Kim Orich was chosen as our liaison with the CES Turkey Bingo Committee to keep communication open and to share information and responsibilities between CHS Council and the CES committee.

Date of Next Meeting:

- Monday November 7, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the staff lounge.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

