

COALHURST HIGH SCHOOL
Council Minutes
Sept 12, 2011

Attendance: Ron DeMaere, Shannon Collier, Diane Pommen, Robyn Baraniecki, Deanna Heckley, Deanna Storfie, Cheryl Reynolds, Janet Mercer, Joanne Mohrmann, Brent and Kim Orich.

Call to Order and Welcome: Meeting called to Order at 6:05 pm. A welcome to all in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Diane that we adopt the agenda with the appropriate time change of 6:00 pm.

Seconded by Robyn.

Carried

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Ron that the Jun 20,11 minutes be adopted as read.

Seconded by Janet.

Carried

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- **Sports Banners:** The four banners are now ready to be picked up at Design Signs, however, there is a fifth banner that is in need of replacement as well. Also, on some of the banners there were outdated logos that had to be redone which incurred a cost increase per banner. They are now \$ 85.00 + tax per banner rather than the projected \$ 70.00 + tax. This is still the best deal in accordance with the other two quotes received.

Moved by Deanna S. that we replace the fifth banner at a cost of \$ 85.00 + tax and pay the cost difference of \$ 60.00 + tax for the initial four to Design Signs.

Seconded by Ron.

Carried.

Report from Palliser School Division:

- **Board Professional Development:** The Board of Trustees will set aside up to 30 minutes at each meeting for presentations from school and Central Office staff on education topics and initiatives, such as inclusive education or innovative projects in the schools.
- **Community Use of School Facilities:** The Board will create a committee of trustees, principals and senior administration to review Administrative Procedure 544 (Community Use of School Facilities) to ensure the procedure appropriately addresses security, financial implications and fees charged for use of Palliser sites. The existing procedure gives the school principal authority over community use bookings and conditions. Any new procedure will still be flexible and responsive to individual community needs.
- **Palliser Maintenance:** Key projects include a new building maintenance system (except for the Calgary schools) which will enable Maintenance staff to monitor boilers and other mechanical systems in the schools from the Lethbridge office. The new key fob system has been installed as well which can record whose fob has been used to enter the school and at what time. The fobs can also be programmed to provide access to a school for as little as one day to accommodate community use of sites. At CES and CHS, new fire alarm panels have been installed.
- **Bus Rental:** The Transportation Department recommended a change to the bus protocol for renting our buses out to organizations outside of Palliser. We will now require the organization to hire a Palliser bus driver to operate the vehicle on the community organization's outing and be responsible for the condition and use of the bus.
- **2010 Accountability Pillar:** Education Minister Dave Hancock wrote a letter to Palliser commending its performance. The Pillar was the best yet for Palliser. Overall evaluation of education quality was deemed excellent, as was Palliser's provision of safe and caring school environments and its provincial achievement test results, citizenship education and parental involvement. Five Palliser schools were ranked in the Top 42 high schools in the annual Fraser Institute rankings.
- **Beginning Teacher Induction Program:** This program supports new teachers through orientation, professional development programs and mentorship through their first three years in Palliser. Palliser had 20 teacher resignations last year, and had planned to reduce by only nine positions, so the division was left in a hiring position for 2011-2012.
- **Accumulated Operating Deficit Elimination Plan:** Palliser had an accumulated operating deficit of \$ 952,151 as of Aug 31,2010. Assuming there is not a huge impact on enrollments and/or funding deviating from the budget, Palliser expects to eliminate the accumulated operating deficit by the 2013/14 school year.

Principal's Report:

- **Enrollment:** We have 163 students now enrolled, down from our projected number of 170, however these numbers will not affect our staffing.
- **Staffing:** Shannon Collier is our new Vice Principal. We would like to welcome Shannon to our team! We also have three PSII interns from the U of L: Chris Goruk is with Robyn Baraniecki, Natasha Quinton is with Jen Hay, and Crystal Shigemi is with Diane Pommen and Arlene Purcell. A warm welcome to all! They are here until Dec 23,11.
- **School Start:** It has been a smooth start so far. The surveys for high school options for the second semester will be going out shortly in order to get the second semester timetable done prior to Christmas.
- **Diploma and PAT Results:** The results will be published for the next meeting, however, we were above the Provincial average on all our Diploma exams. The PAT results have not yet been released.
- **Volleyball:** All teams are up and running and our first league games are this week. There will be a parent meeting once Kristen Rosler returns from her holiday. The Volleyball schedule will be posted on our website.
- **Theatre Calgary:** All of the High School students will have the opportunity to attend Theatre Calgary on Oct 13,11 for the play "To Kill a Mockingbird". There may be room for parents but we will not know until closer to the date. We would like at this time to make a formal request to the parent council for help financially towards some of the costs incurred. We are in need of two Buses at a cost of \$ 1,125.00 each and the tickets are projected at a cost of \$ 600.00. We have received a donation already from the 55+ club of \$ 250.00 to go towards the busing and we will be putting in a request at the student council level as well. A discussion concerning money available, projected income, donations already received and a possible minimum cost to each student, it was decided that a donation of \$ 1500.00 would be given.

Moved by Nancy that parent council donate \$ 1500.00 toward the costs for the High School Theatre Calgary Educational Field Trip.

Seconded by Janet.

Carried

Financial Report:

- Balance as of June 28, 2011	\$ 6313.79
- Expenses:	
Gifts:	50.00
- Closing Balance as of Sept 12, 2011	\$ 6263.79

Correspondence:

- **Thank You Cards:** Some of the Thank you cards received from the Awards Ceremony in June were read to council.

Date of Next Meeting:

- The AGM is to follow at 6:30 pm tonight.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm.