

DDS Home and School Council Minutes
November 1st, 2021 at 3:45pm
In person at Dorothy Dalglish and Virtual

1) **Attendance:** In person – Michelle Marti, Alicia Bourque, Roxane Drake, Steph Winch, Mandy Zeinstra, Mike Oliver (trustee), Shantel Mohrmann (teacher rep), Crystal McGregor (principal).
On-line- Barbara Rutt, Laurell Greene.

1) Called to Order @ 3:45

2) Agenda- Approved by Alicia – No changes

3) Previous minutes – Approved by Mandy

4) Business arising from previous minutes - None

5) Old Business:

a) 50/50 wrap up

i) Total jackpot was \$7990

ii) Draw done this morning by Michelle and Kelly, winner is Kelsey Chic

iii) She would like to re-donate some of her winnings

iv) We made a little over \$3000 after fees

6) New Business:

a) Christmas dinner options (December 16th)

i) Discussed the possibility of doing a full course turkey dinner like we have in the past.

ii) Students can't all be in the gym at the same time. Other options discussed such as using carts to take buffet closer to the classrooms, using Styrofoam containers to make individual meals or having the kids come to the gym class by class to dish up and take back to classroom.

iii) Looking into whether turkeys can be cooked at home and brought in or if they have to be cooked at the school.

iv) Mandy to contact Kathy Jakober regarding her doing the stuffing/potatoes as she has in previous years, and possibly the turkeys as well.

v) Going to do juices boxes instead of punch.

vi) We think Kelly has the template for how much food we need. Hoping to get the lists out in time to give families approx. 2 weeks to get the groceries to the school.

b) Alberta School Council Engagement Grant.

i) Grant is \$500. Palliser applied on our behalf. Not sure if we got it yet.

ii) Can be used for information sessions for parents and family support, professional development costs, indigenous education, possibly a mental health night for parents involving art. Just can't be used for food.

iii) Let Michelle know if you have any ideas.

7) Treasurer's Report (Mandy):

a) Same balance as before (\$335.35). Just waiting to get hot lunch money through Crystal Stauth so Roxane can be paid.

8) Hot Lunch Report (Roxane):

a) Kusters subs was a success. 106 orders, which is consistent with previous hot lunches.

b) Next hot lunch will be hamburgers on November 18th

- i) Burgers will be precooked but help is needed to get them heated up and put together in containers.
 - ii) Need to figure out ketchup/mustard and how to supply the classrooms (ie. A bottle/class, individual containers or dollar store squeeze bottles (might be better for storage).
- c) December 2nd will be pizza hut.
- d) Starting in January hopefully hot lunch can be ordered monthly.
- 9) **Betterment Report (Kelly not in attendance):** Balance was \$9800. Halloween snacks (\$250) will come out of that.
- 10) **Trustee's Report (Mike Oliver):** Attached
- 11) **Principals Report (Crystal McGregor):**
 - a) Thank you from staff and students for the Halloween treats.
 - b) Special thank you to Laurell Greene for donating the 'giant' pumpkin to the school. It was used as a photo prop, there was a contest to guess the weight (157lbs), and Carol Gibson even roasted the seeds.
 - c) Grades K-6 really enjoyed the virtual presentation from the Tyrell Museum.
 - d) Halloween festivities went well. There couldn't be a parade, but each class took pictures for a digital slideshow for everyone to see.
 - e) 2 new temporary staff members. Kenzie Groenheide teaching grade 4 and Katie Owens teaching grade 6. It's been 2 weeks and its going fabulous, they are great!
 - f) 3 student teachers joining Mrs. Mohrmann, Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Gurr.
 - g) The phase 1 design for the outdoor classroom has been decided and it will hopefully get started in spring 2022. Crystal showed an example, and it looks great. It will go on the North end of the school around where the sheds are. Just waiting for facilities approval.
 - h) Went over how to communicate the goals of the school and the best ways to present feedback.
 - i) Possibility of e-mail communication or going over 1 point every meeting.
 - ii) Would like parents and students to fill out our school survey. Presented data from last year.
 - iii) Would like student as well as parent engagement.
 - i) November 25th parent teacher conferences – over the phone. November 26th will then be a PD day.
 - j) There will be a virtual remembrance day ceremony on November 10th. It won't be with tied with PBHS this year.
 - k) Parent volunteers are now allowed in the school. Can talk to your child's teach if interested.
 - i) Starting in January volunteers will need proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. This does not apply to parents in the school regarding their children's education information.
 - l) Grade 6's start their little caesars fundraiser today. They are hoping for a year end field trip.
- 12) **Around the Table:**
 - a) There will be no Christmas concert
 - b) Meetings will be in-person with the option to join on-line going forward.
 - i) Feedback from on-line attendees regarding their experience?
- 13) **Next meeting: Dec 6th at 3:45**
- 14) **Adjourned: 4:52pm**

**DDS Parent Council Meeting
Nov 01, 2021
Trustee Report Michael Oliver**

New Board take Oath of Office

The new Palliser Board were sworn into office at the October 26th Organizational Meeting. Elected Lorelei Bexte to serve as Board Chair, Debbie Laturmus as Vice Chair and Tony Montina as Alternate Vice Chair.

Board Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

International Students Exchange Program

We have seen an increase in the number of students wanting to come to Alberta. Our approach has been to focus our work with our long standing agencies and to cautiously enter into new agreements. All students entering Alberta must be fully vaccinated and require a negative COVID test. Palliser has been involved with the International Program for 7 years.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

As Orange Shirt Day on September 30th coincided with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, events were planned across the division with the support of Palliser's Indigenous Education Team. Palliser has supported staff with ongoing professional learning opportunities to learn more foundational knowledge about Indigenous peoples.