

## DDS Home and School Council Minutes

(Date)– (Location)

**Attendance:** In person – Mandy Zeinstra, Michelle Marti, Danielle Ross, Roxane Drake, Mike Oliver (trustee), Crystal McGregor (principal), Katie Owens (teacher rep.).

**Online :** Alicia Bourque, Laurell Greene, Ashley Mcleod, Kelly Mcleod

### **1) Called to Order @ 3:45**

**2) Agenda –** Approved by Roxane – No Changes

**3) Previous Minutes –** Approved by Mandy

**4) Business Arising:** None

### **5) Old Business:**

a) Alberta School Council Engagement Grant

i) Palliser applied on our behalf

ii) Waiting on clarification of what the money can be spent on (money must be spent by the end of this school year)

iii) Exploring the possibility of combining with PBHS

b) Christmas Dinner – See hot lunch

### **6) New Business:**

a) Covid Policy effective January 4

i) Everyone coming in the school must be double vaccinated or have a negative test.

ii) Rapid test kits can be provided free of cost until February (then at individuals expense)

iii) Waiting on clarification of the details of this policy (volunteers/people not in contact with students/who enforces this?.....)

b) **Christmas party**

i) Pre-school involvement - Agreed not to do anything for the preschool classes. Thinking about something for end of the school year (invite them to the Kona ice truck or give out williwa coupons).

ii) Roxane motioned to spend \$250 on treats to be given out for the parties, as previous years. Second: Danielle. All in favor.

c) Gala Committee for Bi-annual Gala planned for October 2022

i) Kelly has agreed to run it.

ii) If interested, please let Kelly or Michelle know. There will be a meeting in January.

### **7) Treasurer's Report (Mandy Zeinstra)**

a) Everything is paid except pizza hut hot lunch snacks and burgers (Roxane). That should leave \$239.76 in the account. Will probably use that up on Styrofoam containers for Christmas lunch.

### **8) Hot Lunch Report (Roxane Drake):**

a) Cost effective lunch ideas for homemade lunches

i) Let Roxane know if anyone has some ideas for cheaper lunches (beef getting expensive)

ii) Possibility of Schootens donating again. Roxane will follow up.

b) Looking for someone to help/learn the ropes from Roxane with the possibility of taking over next year.

### **9) Christmas Dinner:**

a) Donating Turkeys (20-25lbs)- Roxane, Kelly, Michelle, Laurell, Mandy

- i) Hard to find turkeys this size at this time. Roxane will call Safeway and find out about the possibility of ordering.
  - ii) Cooking and carving – Mandy, Ashley (cooking Kellys), Danielle (cooking Roxanes), Laurell, Michelle.
  - iii) Trying to have approx. 2 extras for hampers. DDS has one that was donated.
- b) Potatoes being cooked at the United Church (potatoes donated).**
- i) Looking for dessert ideas. Cupcakes (maybe Kosters), TimBits (or TimBiebs), usually do one-bite brownies.
  - ii) Extra food will be used to make a few hampers and the rest will be donated to the food bank.
- c) Helping the day of – Mandy, Roxane, Steph, Amanda, Ashley, Michelle, Laurell, Alicia, Danielle.**
- i) Possibility of some coming early to help cook veggies and gravy and the rest later to serve.
  - ii) Classes will come in cohorts. Students can pick when they want, put in into a marked container and the containers will go down on a cart. We can have at least a two lines going.

**10) Betterment Report (Kelly):**

- a) Same amount of money as last time (around \$11000.00) Some is for the outdoor classroom
- b) \$3100 made on the 50/50. Funds have to be spent like casino money. \$1500 will go to the outdoor classroom and some to the home alone course.

**11) Trustee's Report (Mike Oliver):** See attached

**12) Principals Report Crystal Mcgregor :**

- a) DDS received a \$16,300 learning disruption grant to support grades 2 and 3.
- b) Numeracy report
  - i) working on improving skills and supporting kids to become more capable mathematicians.
  - ii) Teachers are working on developing conceptual procedural understanding.
  - iii) Focusing on number sense. All grades were tested. Older kids had bigger gaps in number sense.

**13) Around the Table:**

- a) Hot lunch cupboard
  - i) Wanting to clean up/use the cupboard outside the kitchen. Crystal will find out who's stuff is there.
  - ii) Hot lunch just wanting a designated spot to keep things together and keep in out of the way.
- b) Christmas program will be sent out via email on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will be performing and recording starting this week.

**14) Next meeting: January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm**

**15) Adjourned: @ 4:41 pm**

DDS Parent council meeting  
December 6, 2021  
Trustee Report Michael Oliver

**Capital Plan:**

Now that plans for the new Coaldale High school are underway, Palliser School Division will be moving forward on the next project on the Capital Plan which is Coalhurst High School. Palliser administration will be working with architects to make a business case to move forward. Palliser Regional Schools would like to modernize or replace the Coalhurst High School and proposes to reconfigure the grades from 7 –12 to 6 – 12. This will increase the immediate utilization from 58% to 71%

**COVID – 19 Update:**

The Palliser School Division continues to monitor the COVID – 19 situation across our schools. As of November 5, we had 124 reported cases of COVID – 19 amongst students and staff. Alberta Health is currently providing rapid test for students in K – 6 who are in outbreak status. Palliser applied for rapid testing at one school that was in Outbreak status but it has since been removed from that status. The rapid test can be administered to students and staff at home, and participation in the program is optional.

Alberta Education has confirmed that Palliser will receive funding as part of the learning disruption grant to support students in Grade 2 and 3 for this school year who are in need of numeracy and literacy support. Palliser is working with school administrators to determine how to best utilize these funds.

With the approach of the January 4th deadline for Administrative Procedure 133, it has been announced that in order to limit the burden of the cost and out of care and concern for all employees, The Palliser School Division will provide at-home Rapid Testing at no charge for employees who do not wish to disclose their COVID-19 vaccination status or choose not to be fully vaccinated. This program will run from January 4, 2022, to February 4, 2022. After this point, rapid testing kits will be provided for a fee of approximately \$8-\$10 (subject to change and/or availability) from the division and the cost of these test will be the responsibility of the employee after February 4, 2022.

**Coaldale School Virtual Walk-Through:**

Ferrari Westwood Architects provided trustees with a presentation of the new Coaldale School. The goal of the exercise was to showcase the features of the school and show how this design would meet the needs of the students and community for the years to come. Dan Westwood walked Trustees through a 3-D model of the school as well as the Recreation Centre that the students will have direct access to. The new school has now moved to the construction phase, but a completion date has not yet been declared due to unpredictable supply deliveries.