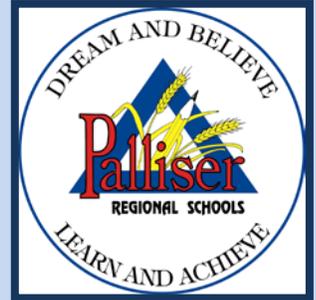


From the Chair ...

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting held Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009



- At Tuesday's annual organizational meeting, Don Zech and Colleen Dietz were returned as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, by acclamation.
- The board set its schedule of regular board meetings as follows: Nov. 17, 2009; Dec. 15, 2009; Jan. 19, 2010; Feb. 16, 2010; March 16, 2010; April 20, 2010; May 18, 2010; June 15, 2010; and Aug. 17, 2010.
- Given the length of regular meetings this past year, the board also passed a motion to begin holding a second monthly meeting one week prior to the board meeting in order to handle presentations and in-committee work beginning in December.
- The board voted to take a five-per-cent reduction in its income meeting per diem and other income, effective Nov. 1, 2009. This does not include expenses, which are governed by board policy.
- The board expects the Picture Butte High School modernization project to proceed to tender this fall and be open September 2011. The project should go to tender in November with tenders to be awarded in December.
- The board heard a report from the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources that 124 Palliser staff are aged 50 or older. The summary speaks to the need for succession planning as the coming years will bring the loss of a tremendous amount of experience from the district. In that vein, Palliser is continuing to develop its administrator induction and mentorship program, a new program that will help support a next generation of leadership. This is in addition to the first-, second- and third-year induction programs which offer support to teachers just starting in their careers.
- A new Hutterite colony school opened Oct. 14, as 15 students started classes at Albion Ridge Colony.
- The provincial Accountability Pillar results were released recently. Palliser Superintendent Kevin Gietz received an email of congratulations from an official at Alberta Education as a result of this success.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Zech".

Don Zech, Board Chair
Palliser Regional Schools