



# Palliser Regional Schools

## Palliser Centre

#101, 3305 - 18 Avenue North, Lethbridge, AB T1H 5S1

Phone: 403-328-4111 Toll-free: 877-667-1234

Fax: 403-380-6890 [www.pallisersd.ab.ca](http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca)

---

### Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018

#### Inclement Weather Procedure

Palliser Regional Schools has implemented a new Inclement Weather Procedure which further addresses student and staff safety and should reduce confusion regarding school closures.

Superintendent Dave Driscoll outlined the new procedure, which allows schools to be closed due to inclement weather and not just the cancellation of school bus operations. Two staff members will be on site if a school is closed, to deal with any students inadvertently dropped off. There will be no classes, however, and parents will be contacted to come pick up their children or make alternate arrangements .

Trustees also heard how a communication plan has been set up to inform staff and then parents as quickly as possible if a school will be closed.

#### Safe and Caring Learning Environment

Superintendent Dave Driscoll discussed changes in wording to its existing Safe and Caring Learning Environment policy to meet the legal requirements of Bill 24.

He told trustees the changes are only in the specific language used, and there is no change in the way the school division ensures a safe learning environment for all. The draft will be forwarded to Alberta Education to ensure it is compliant with the bill.

It was pointed out Bill 24 is now law, and should anyone have concerns about the provincial standard they should contact their MLA.

#### CSA Standards Survey

The Board of Trustees heard a follow-up survey of staff showed positive results in Palliser's efforts to provide a healthier workplace mentally.

The survey was part of Palliser's commitment to the Canadian Standards Association Psychological Health and Safety Standard for the workplace. Achieving that healthy workplace standard was among the recommendations that came out of an organizational review of Palliser Regional Schools.

Directors of Education Jason Kupery and Ryan Brennan told trustees there was a significant increase in satisfaction levels among staff from the original survey in June 2016 to the follow-up piece in December 2017.

The data will be shared with staff before it is made public. Trustees suggested the survey be an ongoing practice to monitor staff satisfaction.

*Together we will ensure learning success for all students  
to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.*

## **Video Surveillance**

A draft of a new administrative procedure outlining the use of video surveillance in Palliser facilities was reviewed by board members and will now be shared with school staff and parents through School Council to get their input.

Superintendent Dave Driscoll told the board there were no formal guidelines in place despite the installation of video cameras in a number of schools. He said it is important that such equipment is not used as a form of passive supervision, but to provide backup should there be an incident which requires substantiation.

He said the installation of video surveillance equipment has increased over the years and those facilities covered will eventually include Palliser Central Office.