



Palliser Regional Schools

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Highlights of Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018

Annual Education Results Report

Associate Superintendent Tom Hamer provided the Board with highlights of Palliser Regional Schools' Annual Education Results Report for 2017-2018 and the Three-Year Plan for 2018 to 2021.

The report looks at data supplied by Alberta Education's annual Accountability Pillar survey of students, staff and parents and outlines Palliser's plans to address areas of concern. Hamer told trustees that instead of Central Services telling schools what changes need to be made, the focus has changed to offering them support and developing the capacity of school leaders to make good positions that positively impact their students.

That includes ongoing professional development opportunities for staff in such areas as First Nations, Metis and Inuit education, and a greater focus on staff and student wellness as well as developing new partners to enhance student leadership.

Trustees were also provided a review of the audited financial statement and the fall budget update.

School Calendar Draft

The Board viewed a draft of the 2019-2020 school calendar. In an effort to customize calendars to best meet the needs of students, parents and staff, Deputy Superintendent Mike Nightingale told them the draft will now be shared with various stakeholders for their input and possible changes before it is brought back to the Board for approval in February.

Planning Priorities for Capital Projects

Secretary-Treasurer Dexter Durfey presented trustees with a draft of Palliser's three-year capital plan and its 10-year planning priorities.

He told them a solution to school needs in Coaldale remains Palliser's highest priority, with a proposal for a new high school and grade reconfiguration submitted to the province. Following, in order of priority, is County Central High School in Vulcan, the combined needs of students at both Coalhurst High and Coalhurst Elementary schools; and then Sunnyside School.

The priorities for capital projects were arrived at after an in-depth analysis of space utilization and the physical condition of school buildings. Durfey told the Board that plans call for every school within Palliser to be examined similarly over the next few months to further determine future needs and priorities.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018.

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