



Palliser School Division

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Highlights of Board of Trustees Meeting Monday, August 25, 2020

Organizational Meeting

The Palliser Board of Trustees held their organizational meeting for the 2020-2021 school year. Robert Strauss is once again Board Chair, Lorelei Bexte is Vice-Chair and Debbie Laternus is Alternate Vice-Chair. All were voted in by acclamation. The meeting also saw members named to a variety of internal and external committees.

Introduction of the Associate Superintendent, Human Resources

Audrey Kluin was introduced as the new Associate Superintendent, Human Resources for the Palliser School Division. Audrey joins the Division from Foothills School Division and brings with her a breadth of experience. Audrey's first day will be August 26, 2020.

School Re-Entry Plans

Superintendent Dave Driscoll has walked through each of the Division schools in preparation of the schools' reopening. Walk-throughs with the school administrators demonstrated each school's plan to welcome back their students.

Financial Update

Finance Services Supervisor Cindy Rogers provided the Board with updated financial projections to the end of August. Although at the end of May 2020 it looked like the deficit might be as high as \$570,000, projections now call for a surplus although because of expenses related to COVID, the closing balance for the 2019-2020 school year will not be finalized until the audit in the fall.

Operations and Maintenance Update

Facilities and maintenance staff, with the help of summer students and local contractors, have had a busy summer getting things ready for the new school year and continuing Palliser Regional Schools' efforts to make school grounds across the division a source of pride in the communities they serve.

Rod Swartzenberger, Facilities Services Supervisor, provided trustees with a long list of work accomplished, including the installation of more than 70 interactive white boards in a number of schools. Infrastructure updates to create more learning spaces, drainage work was done on improving school fields, and parking lot upgrades were among the many projects worked on with local contractors used wherever possible.

Board Chair Robert Strauss thanked the crew for their efforts, including increased interaction with the community.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020