



Palliser School Division

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Highlights of Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2020

ONLINE AND AT-HOME LEARNING

Tom Hamer, Associate Superintendent, Learning Services shared the Divisions response to the requests for on line and at-home learning. It is important that students remain connected to the home school in a meaningful and supportive way. Schools have supported in house learning opportunities to their students where possible and where this is not possible, are utilizing supports from Palliser Beyond Borders.

FEDERAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT COVID EXPENSES

Alberta Education announced the disbursement of the funds from the Federal Government to support the expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19 in schools. The Board approved the plan put forward by Administration. These funds will support the safety of the students and staff in all the schools in Palliser.

SCHOOL BOARDS WARD BOUNDRIES

With 2021 being an election year for Alberta school boards, Boards must make changes to the ward structure before December 31, 2020, should they wish to adjust the ward boundries.

In addition, each school board must also establish, implement and make publicly available a policy with the considerations and process the school board used to determine its ward structure. The draft wording to update Policy 9 – Board Operations was shared with the Board.

The Board is satisfied with the current ward structure for the division. A copy of the existing bylaw will be sent to the Minister of Education.

Policy 9 - Board Operations has been amended to include the considerations and the process that the Board will use to change its ward structure, should they wish to do so in future.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

The Deputy Superintendent is directly responsible and accountable to the Superintendent. When assigned by the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent will assume all responsibilities of the Superintendent in the Superintendent's absence. Superintendent Driscoll recommended that Tom Hamer, Associate Superintendent, Learning Services be appointed as Deputy Superintendent for the 2020-2021 school year.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Students and staff have been in school for several weeks. A streamlined COVID response manual is being shared with staff and families this week and clearly outlines processes that need to be followed in all Palliser facilities. Staff and students are excited to be back in school and schools are meeting all the challenges as they arise. Director Adam Browning is the lead contact for the Division for all COVID related matters.

The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

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