

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 15, 2020



Palliser Early Learning

Early Learning Coordinator Margaret Vennard and Director of Learning Shane Cranston shared the Early Learning Report. New for 2020 – 2021 is that Alberta Education has changed the funding and kindergarten students are no longer part of the Early Learning program. Kindergarten programming is now part of Specialized Learning Supports budget and provides consistent support throughout a student's entire Kindergarten to Grade 12 experience. Palliser School Division has an amazing team of Early Language Educators. The Early Learning Educators have done a very good job in helping young students adjust to school during a pandemic. Their COVID practices include more outdoor play, cleaning routines, and, individual kits/toys.

International Students

COVID-19 has put a damper on international student entry in Alberta. Deputy Superintendent Tom Hamer shared the impact that the virus had on international studies in Palliser. While enrolment numbers decreased from the previous year, there has been more interest for fall 2021 and beyond. When the world opens up for international travel, it is expected to see higher enrolment numbers in the coming years as the world starts to recover from the pandemic.

Policy Update

The Trustees approved Policy 23 – Policy Making and Policy 1 – Role of the Board of Trustees. The updated policies will be posted to the Division website and shared with all staff. Draft Policy 4 – Trustee Protocol and Draft Policy 11 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters were reviewed. The draft policies will be posted to the Palliser website and shared with stakeholders for input. For input into the policies go to <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review>.

2021-2022 Calendar

Associate Superintendent of HR, Audrey Kluin shared the proposed 2021-2022 calendar with the Board. The proposed calendar is in line with the calendars of the divisions that surround Palliser and that is an advantage to families who work in different geographic areas. The first day for students will be September 1, 2021 and their final day will be June 28, 2021. Individual schools will now begin finalizing their calendars in consultation with the school councils and staff.

Holiday Wishes

The Board and Administration wish everyone the best of the season and best wishes for a happy New Year.



The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is January 12, 2021.

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