# **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 23, 2021













#### Palliser Community and Staff Engagement

The Assurance Framework from Alberta Education places an emphasis on stakeholder engagement to establish locally developed priorities and to share progress and results related to those policies. The Division's <a href="Education Plan">Education Plan</a> reflects these priorities and shares the progress toward achieving those priorities. The Education Act requires the engagement of parents, students, staff and other key stakeholders around planning. To this end the Division is creating survey tools to gain perspective from all the stakeholders. Please watch for these opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas.

### 2020/21 Satisfaction with Education in Alberta Telephone/Online Surveys

The Ministry of Education will conduct its annual satisfaction telephone/online surveys to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers (telephone and online), principals (online) and school board trustees, as well as employers of recent high school graduates. The total number of completed surveys will be over 6,000, ensuring that survey results for each of the 10 respondent groups are statistically representative. The survey responses are completely confidential, and no individual responses will be reported. Your participation is important, as it provides valuable information to help the ministry identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, thus helping to provide a more effective and accountable education system.

### **Technology Department Annual Report**

The Palliser School Division Technology Services Department is focused on providing students and staff with the tools needed to ensure high-quality learning environments. There is an ongoing focus on utilizing tools that promote efficiencies and improve the engagement of all stakeholders. The Technology Services Department continues to respond to the COVID-19 safety measures to ensure the continuity of learning and operations. Through the current year we have seen an increase in the number of Google Classrooms grow from just over 2,850 to just under 4,200. What is more astonishing is the amount of live online instruction that has occurred through Google meets with an average of close to 1,000 daily users through the year.

## **Indigenous Student Supports**

Kristin Krein is the Division's Indigenous Success Coordinator. She is a resource for students and staff and will facilitate Elder requests, answer questions, will provide site-based professional development, or First Nations, Metis, and Inuit

student cultural activities. Please contact Kristin if you are interested in having her come out and share.

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The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is March 30, 2021