BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 26, 2021













Palliser Transportation Services Accountability Report

Dave Shaw, Transportation Services Supervisor joined Trustees to share the things that have been happening in the department. Palliser operates 57 daily routes, transporting 1,850 students safely every day and traveling over 1.9 million kilometers every year. The department's bus drivers are a major reason for the continued excellent service provided to the students within the division. Training opportunities and meetings to go over what is expected from the driver's allows for the same consistent messages around safety while on the roads. Palliser has outfitted all of the buses on routes and as spares with GPS and tablets with software that tracks not only the bus but also handles the electronic log books, daily inspection and fuel tracking. The system allows the monitoring of engine diagnostics, driving habits, fuel consumption and idling among other things.

Occupational Health and Safety

COVID-19 has added to the safety requirements in buildings across the Province. Provincial inspectors were sent to seven schools in Palliser for random inspections to ensure that safety requirements are being met. All seven schools received excellent reports. Palliser has adopted a Working Alone Procedure in order to ensure that individuals working alone in schools and properties can do so safely. Thank you to the staff at all Palliser sites for all that they do to keep the buildings safe.

Policy Update

The Trustees approved Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct and Policy 11 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. The updated policies will be posted to the Division website and shared with all staff. Draft Policy 12–Appeals and Hearings Regarding Teacher 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.

October 2021 Elections

Trustees are elected every four years during the municipal election. The last election was held in October 2017. The next General Election will be held on October 18, 2021. Election packages are available for pick-up at the Palliser Education Centre, 101-3305 18 Avenue North in Lethbridge.

Trustee PD

The Board of Trustees have committed to monthly professional learning opportunities. Next month's session will have Kristin Krien, Palliser's Indigenous Success Coordinator, join the discussion.

The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is February 23, 2021.

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