



**PALLISER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES - BT20210427**

DATE: April 27, 2021

Trustees in Attendance: Robert Strauss, Board Chair
Lorelei Bexte, Board Vice-Chair
Kristine Cassie, Trustee
Debbie Laturnus, Trustee
Sharon Rutledge, Trustee

Staff in Attendance: Dave Driscoll, Superintendent
Tom Hamer, Deputy Superintendent
Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent
Dexter Durfey, Secretary-Treasurer

Recording: Joanne Siljak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Strauss called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # BT20210427 - 01

Moved by: Debbie Laturnus

That the agenda for the April 27, 2021 meeting be approved as amended.

Add: 9.5 Edwin Parr Awards Update

CARRIED.

3. MOVE TO IN-CAMERA

Resolution # BT20210427 - 02

Moved by: Lorelei Bexte

That the meeting move In-Camera, at 9:02 a.m., pursuant to Section S64(3) of the Education Act, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter S-3 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to identified In-Camera Items.

CARRIED.

Resolution # BT20210427 - 03

Moved by: Kristine Cassie

That the meeting move out of in-camera at 10:43 a.m.

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CARRIED

4. MOTIONS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

There were no motions arising from In-Camera.

5. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # BT20210427 - 04

Moved by: Lorelei Bexte

That the minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

The ATA requested that draft policies and the current policy be displayed together on the policy input page of the website.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1. COVID -19 Update

As of April 18th, Palliser has had a total of 176 confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst staff and students. We have had 2,858 instances of students and 282 instances of staff who were required to quarantine as close contacts. As of April 18th, there are 44 students and 7 staff who are presently required to quarantine as close contacts.

Contact Tracing

With an increasing number of COVID-19 variants of concern, AHS will recommend that all close contacts be tested twice during their quarantine period. AHS was formerly sending a second notification to close contacts of any variant case. They will only send this notification now in some instances.

COVID-19 Mandatory Restrictions

Despite the return to Step 1, measures on extracurricular athletics and performance activities continue to apply as below.

Physical education, band, and drama classes are permitted to continue.

Group activities beyond physical education are allowed subject to continued restrictions that do not allow for games and a minimum distance between participants of 2 metres indoors and 3 metres outdoors. These activities allow for a maximum of 10 total individuals, including all coaches, trainers, and participants.

No large gatherings that would involve In-person assemblies and performances such as concerts are permitted.

Off-site facilities to support curriculum-related educational activities such as field trips as part of a course are permitted.

On April 19th, additional measures came into effect for Grade 7 to 12 youth in Calgary.

All youth indoor sport and recreation activities that are not part of a school

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program (for example, physical education) are not permitted for Grade 7 to 12 youth in the Municipality of Calgary, effective April 19th.

Extra-curricular performance activities are not permitted for Grade 7 to 12 youth in the Municipality of Calgary, effective April 19th.

Rapid Screening Test Program

With the announcement expanding rapid screening testing in schools, schools may be selected in consultation with the division to participate based on a variety of factors, including the prevalence of COVID-19 in the school or community and whether a school has had multiple outbreaks or school-acquired cases since the start of the school year.

For participating schools, rapid screening tests will be optional for staff and students, and signed consent forms will be required for testing. The rapid screening tests may be offered up to two times at participating schools. More information on the process can be found at [Rapid Screening tests - School program](#). There are no schools in Palliser that are participating in the rapid testing program at this time. This will depend on the number of cases in the school. AHS will make the division aware of the testing beforehand.

We continue to work closely with school administrators to ensure that they are supported and aware of the changes in COVID protocols as they occur. Palliser is not experiencing a shortage of substitute teachers and therefore do not require a move to online learning. We have fewer staff becoming close contacts.

AHS will update the recommendations and stipulations for school graduations. Schools have begun planning the ceremonies and will follow all AHS guidelines.

Dr. Browning was thanked for his presentation and his support for the staff and students in the division.

Resolution # BT20210427 - 05

Moved by: Kristine Cassie

That the COVID Update be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1. *SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Attached to the agenda was the Superintendent's monthly activities report.

8.2. *SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Attached as information is the Secretary Treasurer's monthly activities report.

8.3. *ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT, HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Attached to the agenda was the Associate Superintendent's monthly activities report.

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- 8.4. ***DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, LEARNING SERVICES REPORT**
Attached to the agenda was the Deputy Superintendent's monthly activities report.
- 8.5. ***TRUSTEE REPORTS**
Attached to the agenda were the Trustees' monthly activities reports.
- 8.6. ***SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REPORT**
Due to COVID-19 all international or out-of-province school trips have been postponed at this time.

9. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1. **Capital Plan**

Earlier this year the government approved building a new high school in Coaldale. This was the Board's number one priority in the Capital Plan. Coalhurst High School, County Central High School, and Sunnyside School are the top three schools identified by the Board as needing a face-lift. Administration provided the trustees with data about the schools in Vulcan and Coalhurst as well population trends.

Resolution # BT20210427 - 06

Moved by: Kristine Cassie

That the Board approved the submission of the Ten Year Planning Priorities (2021 - 2031) and the Three Year Capital Plan (2021 - 2024) with the high school in Coalhurst listed as the first priority and the high school in Vulcan as second priority as discussed.

CARRIED

9.2. **Policy Review**

Policy development and review is a governance responsibility of the Palliser School Division. An effective policy development and review process assists the Board in governing the school division effectively. Over this school year, the trustees will have reviewed each of the policies.

Resolution # BT20210427 - 07

Moved by: Debbie Laturnus

That the Board approve the deletion of Policy 14 - Trustee Accountability as the contents are included in Policy 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions.

CARRIED

Resolution # BT20210427 - 08

Moved by: Kristine Cassie

That DRAFT Policy 24 - Board Delegation of Authority be brought back to the Board for discussion at the May 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

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9.3. **Draft Curriculum Discussion**

Administration has had discussions with the Ministry, school administration, surveyed teaching staff and have heard from parents. The survey results were shared with the Board. Parents have contacted the Board with concerns about the curriculum. Senior Administration and some principals attended an Alberta Education briefing on the new curriculum roll-out. The curriculum has been a very controversial topic in many communities.

Chair Strauss thanked the administration for asking teachers and staff to share their thoughts and doing their due diligence. The Board thanked the Administration for allowing the time for input from all stakeholders.

Resolution # BT20210427 - 09

Moved by: Kristine Cassie

That the Board send notice to the Minister of Education that the Palliser School Division will not pilot the draft curriculum as presented. The memo will be shared with the public following the letter to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

9.4. **Trustee PD Risk Management**

Why should the Board be concerned with risk management? Trustees reviewed the Board's responsibilities for risk management.

Resolution # BT20210427 - 10

Moved by: Debbie Laturnus

That the Board receive the presentation as presented.

CARRIED

9.5. **Edwin Parr Update**

The ceremony will proceed on May 19, 2021 and will be held virtually. The Board will provide a meal for the candidate and his family. The Zone is sending each candidate a gift as well.

10. **Resolution # BT20210427 -11**

Moved by: Kristine Cassie

That the meeting move In-Camera, at 12:30 p.m., pursuant to Section S64(3) of the Education Act, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter S-3 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to identified In-Camera Items.

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Resolution # BT20210427 - 12

Moved by: Lorelei Bexte

That the meeting move out of in-camera at 1:37 p.m.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Original Signed by Board Chair

Original Signed by Secretary-Treasurer

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

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