



**PALLISER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES - BT20211026**

DATE: October 26, 2021

Trustees in Attendance: Lorelei Bexte, Board Chair
Debbie Laturnus, Board Vice-Chair
Sharon Rutledge, Trustee
Tony Montana, Trustee
Louise Schmidt, Trustee
Michael Oliver, Trustee

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

Recording: Noorin Chatur-Muhammad

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lorelei Bexte called the meeting to order at 11:09

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # BT20211026-01 28

Moved by: Tony Montana

That the agenda for the October 26 , 2021 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3. MOVE TO IN-CAMERA

Resolution # BT20211026-02

Moved by: Sharon Rutledge

That the meeting move In-Camera, at 11:10 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 # BT20211026-03

Moved by: Sharon Rutledge

That the meeting moved out of in-camera at 12:02 a.m.

CARRIED.

4. MOTIONS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

There were no motions arising from In-Camera.

5. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # BT20211026-04

Moved by: Sharon Rutledge

That the minutes of the September 28^{ATE}, 2021 meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 COVID-19 update - Adam Browning

8. Adam Browning provided an update on the COVID-19 situation. As of October 25th, we have had 105 reported cases of COVID-19 amongst students and staff. and 31 students and staff who are amongst these confirmed cases are presently isolating. Palliser currently has one school that has been declared in Outbreak status which has had more than 10 COVID-19 cases within a 14 day period. We currently have 3 elementary classes that have shifted to at-home learning for 10 days where at least 3 or more COVID-19 cases were identified in a class within a 5 day period.

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10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1. *SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

10.2. *SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

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

10.3. *ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT, HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

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

10.4. *DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, LEARNING SERVICES REPORT

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

10.5. *TRUSTEE REPORTS

Attached to the agenda were the Trustees' monthly activities reports.

10.6. *SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REPORT

Due to COVID-19 all international or out-of-province school trips have been postponed at this time.

11. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9.1. International Education Report – Tom Hamer

Tom updated the Board on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the International Student Program. This program, which has been in place for 7 years, is meant to expose students of Palliser to other cultures and to plant the seeds of travel in students. With the uncertainty around ever-changing restrictions, Palliser suspended the 1-month programs with Colombia for the first semester. Palliser also canceled their 1-week Japanese student program for 2021-2022. With the continued closure of Australia and Nova Scotia, Palliser has seen an increase in the number of students wanting to come to Alberta. This has resulted in an overall increase in the number of full-year and 1-semester students for the 2021-2022 school year. The approach has been to focus our work with the agencies we have long-standing relationships with and to cautiously enter into new agreements with agencies that already work with other Alberta School Divisions. All students that have entered Alberta are required to have a negative COVID test and be fully vaccinated prior to their departure from their home country. Palliser will be looking to undertake data collection from student experiences through a collection of surveys.

9.2. Curriculum Information Update – Adam Browning

Palliser initiated a curriculum advisory group in May with teachers from our system to collaboratively provide an in-depth review on the Draft K-6 Curriculum. The curriculum advisory is currently looking at areas of strength and areas of improvement for subject levels and outcomes. We expect the review to be completed by January 2022. We are currently working with other school divisions in our zone and have planned some professional learning opportunities to support implementation of the expected curriculum.

9.3. Highlights of first Truth and Reconciliation Day – Adam Browning

As Orange Shirt Day on September 30th coincided with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, events were planned across the division with the support of Palliser's Indigenous Education Team. Concepts around truth and reconciliation were focused on throughout the week of September 27th. Students engaged in a variety of school-wide activities to commemorate Truth and Reconciliation. We have supported staff with Truth and Reconciliation with ongoing professional learning opportunities to support foundational knowledge about Indigenous peoples and were recently joined by Dr. Dwayne Donald and Don AhnAhnsisi McIntyre.

12. Orientation Meeting next week, followed by regular meeting

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:05