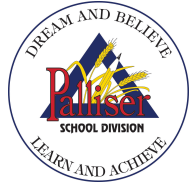
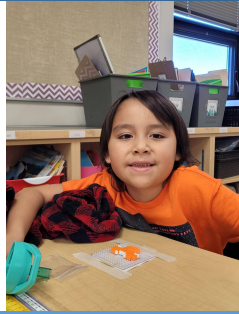


# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: August 23, 2022



## Board Organizational Meeting for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Board of Trustees held their Organizational Meeting on August 23, 2022. Trustee Lorelei Bexte will remain as Chair for the upcoming school year. Trustee Tony Montina was acclaimed Vice-Chair and Trustee Debbie Laturnus will assume the role of Alternate Vice-Chair. The Board set their meeting dates for the upcoming year as follows: September 13, 2022, October 11, 2022, November 29, 2022, December 13, 2022, January 10, 2023, February 14, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 11, 2023, May 9, 2023, June 13, 2023, and August 22, 2023.

## New Area Directors begin at Palliser

Two new Area Directors began their roles with the division in August. Jackie Kark is the Area Director for the Lethbridge Region. As a life-long learner, Jackie has a strong passion for student-centered learning, inclusivity, collaboration, and academic success with all learners. She believes that every student can and wants to learn and be successful and she looks forward to building connections with staff and school communities in the division. Mike Thiesen has been appointed Area Director, Calgary Region. Mike joined the Palliser School Division in 2016 when he began as the principal at Calgary Christian Elementary School. Mike has been involved in school initiatives in the areas of literacy, numeracy, technology, parenting programs, report cards, social-emotional learning, school-wide behaviour programs, ELL, and others. Mike looks forward to building continued trust with stakeholders and school leaders from across the division while supporting the unique needs of students. The Board of Trustees was pleased to welcome Jackie and Mike to the division in person at the August 23, 2022, meeting.

## Value Scoping for the Coalhurst Schools Capital Plan

A series of three Value Scoping Meetings were held in June as part of the process set out by Alberta Education to find a solution for the modernization of Coalhurst Schools. The sessions were facilitated by EHan Engineering and included participants from Palliser School Division, Coalhurst Elementary, Coalhurst High School, the Town of Coalhurst, Lethbridge County, the Alberta Legislature, Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Health Services, FWBA Architects, and LCVM. The Value Scoping process identified options for delivering K-12 education within the Town of Coalhurst. The Board has received the report and has directed Administration to move forward with the submission of this report to Alberta Education.

## Board Approves Salary Increase for Non-Certificated Staff

Based on historical practices of The Palliser School Division, when a settlement occurs with one pay group, consideration of equitable salary increases occurs for all other pay groups in the division. At the August Regular Meeting, The Board of Trustees passed a motion directing Administration to implement a 1.75% salary increase as of September 1, 2022, to employees not covered by a collective agreement. With this motion, the Board reiterated their budget position stated in May 2022.

The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is September 13, 2022.

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