BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: JANUARY 10, 2023



Palliser School Division Transportation

The Palliser Student Transportation Department operates and maintains a safe, economical and efficient system in accordance with provincial acts and regulations, Board policies, and Division administrative procedures. Palliser owns a fleet of 81 buses and operates 56 routes transporting 1,800 students daily and traveling over 1.9 million kilometers annually. Excellent service is provided by professional drivers, who complete "S" endorsement training and maintain first aid training, licensing, and re-training requirements. Routes are developed using Versatrans routing software and all units are outfitted with GPS and cameras. The department operates two repair facilities, one in Lethbridge and one in Vulcan, staffed by four full-time mechanics. The fleet is diligently maintained in compliance with safety requirements mandated by the province and is inspected by Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. The "Think of Us on the Bus" public awareness campaign, in partnership with local law enforcement, continues to improve school bus safety for students, drivers, and the motoring public at large. Student assemblies across the division promote bus safety to all students. In 2021-2022, revenue from field trips are similar to previous years. The 2022-23 Quarter One revenues and expenses indicate that the department is in line with the budget.

Occupational Health and Safety Report

Palliser School Divsion is committed to providing students with safe and caring learning environments and is committed to the health and safety of all students and staff. Safety is a foundational requirement to ensure students can learn. Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Facilities collaborate to ensure compliance with safety requirements and codes. The Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator performs site inspections and works closely with the Facilities department to ensure corrective actions are completed in a timely manner and that education continues for employees. The division uses Public School Works for safety training and all division employees complete mandatory safety modules each year. Safety is everyone's responsibility and OH&S follows up immediately on any reported safety issues. The OH&S Safety Coordinator works closely with the insurance provider to arrange site inspections and follow-ups.

Annual Education Results Report

School authority planning and results reporting is a continuous improvement cycle. Alberta's Assurance Framework is about building public trust and confidence that the education system is meeting the needs of students and enabling their success. School authorities develop education plans that identify priorities, outcomes, measures, and strategies to improve in key areas. The Annual Education Results Report (AERR) provides the results achieved from implementing the plan. In the 2021-2022 Palliser AERR, the three Palliser goals of wellness, numeracy, and literacy are presented within the five assurance domains of Student Growth and Achievement, Teaching and Leading, Learning Supports, Governance, and Local and Societal Context. The Board of Trustees has approved the AERR and the report is available on the district website at the following link: <u>Palliser School Division 2021-2022 AERR</u>.

The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is February 14, 2023.

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