

Board Meeting Highlights:

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: October 14, 2025



Palliser School Division Bids Farewell to Trustees

This month marked the final regular meeting for the current Board of Trustees. The Palliser School Division extends heartfelt thanks to Board Chair Lorelei Bexte and Trustee Louise Schmidt for their years of dedicated service and leadership. Returning trustees Debbie Laturnus, Tony Montana, Michael Oliver, and Sharon Rutledge have been acclaimed for another term, and the Board warmly welcomes Don Monts and Lorna Malanik.

Learn more about your trustees and their wards on our website: [Palliser Board of Trustees](#).



Pictured: Trustees Tony Montana, Sharon Rutledge, Board Chair Lorelei Bexte, Trustees Debbie Laturnus, Michael Oliver
Missing: Trustee Louise Schmidt

Growth in Home Education

Palliser's Home Education School continues to experience steady growth, reflecting strong family satisfaction and community connection. The program has expanded field trips and workshops, including new opportunities for Calgary-area students, and added flexible learning options like shared responsibility and partial-year programming.

Efforts are also underway to help junior high students prepare for a smooth transition to high school.

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Supporting Student Wellbeing

The Board reviewed the Wellbeing Board Report, which highlights Palliser's commitment to helping every student thrive in all areas of wellness: social, emotional, physical, and mental. The division's Continuum of Support ensures that students receive the right help at the right time through three levels of service: universal, targeted, and specialized supports.

Key priorities include:

- Teaching & Learning: Embedding Social Emotional Learning in classrooms, supporting the new wellness curriculum, continuing the CASA classroom at R.I. Baker, and offering targeted programming through Mental Health Workers.
- Belonging & Relationships: Promoting inclusion and belonging, offering trauma-informed practice training for staff, and ensuring every student has a trusted adult at school.
- Policy & Voice: Updating wellness plans to include Indigenous ways of knowing, piloting a new student voice survey, and developing systems to track behavioural trends.
- Partnerships: Strengthening collaboration with partners such as Woods Homes, Impact Parenting, Dr. Kendra Massie, and the University of Calgary, and continuing student leadership initiatives like Headstrong.



**The Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting
will be held October 21, 2025**

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