

● PBHS School Council
Thursday, March 11, 2021
3:45pm

Minutes:

Present: Mark Lowe, Greg Thompson, Kelly McLeod, Sharon Rutledge, Tom Hamer, Natalie Townshend, Roxane Drake, Cammy Dunn, Nancie Molenaar, Carlene Groenenboom, Michelle Marti

Regrets: Sandra Fremstad, Audrey Kluin

Call to order: 3:47 pm

Welcome / Introductions:

Approval of Minutes - Approved by Roxane Drake

Reports

Trustee/Central Office

Highlights from Feb Board Meeting

1. Alberta Education places an emphasis on stakeholder engagement to establish locally developed priorities, by school divisions, and shares the progress toward achieving those priorities and its' results. Palliser's Education Plan requires input from parents, students, staff and other key stakeholders and is creating survey tools for information. Please watch for these opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas.

2. The Ministry of Education will conduct its annual satisfaction telephone/online surveys to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. The surveys gather responses from the general public, parents, high school students, teachers, principals, school board trustees, as well as employers of recent high school graduates. The total number of completed surveys will be over 6,000. The survey responses are completely confidential and will provide valuable information to identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement.

3. The Palliser Technology Services Department is focused on providing students and staff with the tools needed to ensure high-quality learning environments. All schools now have a 1:2 device student ratio, 2 additional technical staff hired, Bandwidth doubled in 19 schools, the wireless network has been updated and Smart Boards being replaced by Epson Interactive Boards for cost savings. There has been an increase in

the number of Google classrooms from 2,850 to just under 4,200. The amount of live online instruction now averages close to 1,000 daily users.

4. Kristin Krein is Palliser's Indigenous Success Coordinator. She is a resource for students, families, staff and community and will provide site-based professional development for First Nations, Metis and Inuit student cultural activities. At present, she is counselling over 150 students building their relationships with other students and encouraging awareness of Indigenous culture. If interested in having her come out and share, please contact her at: Kristin.krein@pallisersd.ab.ca

Principal

- 1) Friday structure that we tried this fall will not be continued next year. Based on the logistics, we are not able to provide the program. Calendar for next year will be released shortly. Not much has changed compared to our traditional calendar in years' past.
- 2) St. Catherine's school visit - tour and presentation is coming soon. This will be an online version based on Covid. We are worried about low student enrollment due to graduation and grade 7's coming in so we are hoping to bring a few StC students coming in. Discussion ensued on provincial funding and determining enrollment numbers and where we are starting to see where we are drawing students from. Also important to note some of the drawing cards that are an advantage to our smaller school including sports, online learning, our shop programs, etc.
- 3) After school sports program is up and running. Great to see!
- 4) 2 areas that we are addressing - a focus on expectations in terms of respect and conduct. Survey results showed a need for this from students and parents. Next step is creating a student committee to help as we define some of these expectations.

Council

No report at this time.

New Business:

1. Next special activity - Easter? Handing out a 'goodie' bag for April 1st before they head out for the break. Sandra and Kelly will coordinate this.
2. Should we pursue "Reality check" activity? Mark is looking to do something with this for CALM. Not looking like the program will take place this year but definitely something to looking for the 21-22 school year.

3. What do the changes to youth sports from AHS mean for us? No real changes right now as it still must cohorts, 3 m distancing. At this point we are opening up badminton and we'll wait to see what directives are given by Palliser and AHS.

Around the Table:

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 15th@ 3:45pm

Adjournment: 4:27 pm