

● **PBHS School Council**
Thursday, May 13, 2021
3:45pm

Minutes:

Present: Mark Lowe, Greg Thompson, Sharon Rutledge, Sandra Fremstad, Cammie Dunn, Roxanne Drake, Michelle Marti, Kelly McLeod, Natalie Townshend

Call to order: 3:45 pm

Welcome / Introductions:

Approval of Minutes - Reminder that all minutes are on the website under the school council tab. April minutes approved by Roxanne Drake.

Reports

Trustee/Central Office

Board Highlights : March & April Meetings

- Great excitement shared by all in Palliser with the announcement made on March 10 for the **new high school build in Coaldale** replacing the existing KAHS building. Palliser is presently working on the design phase with hopes of moving to construction as soon as possible.
- Since the **Draft K-6 Curriculum** released on March 29, 2021, the Palliser School Division has taken the opportunity to listen to its' teachers, parents, senior administrators & attended information sessions on the proposed pilot of the new curriculum. In light of all the feedback received, on April 27, 2021 the Board and senior administration made the decision NOT to pilot the Draft K-6 Curriculum.
- **Facility Services Supervisor** Rod Swartzenberger shared his report and thanked his staff for continuing all the work during the COVID situation. At PBHS , tree and yard work, and gym floor stripped and refinished. A special thank you was given to all custodians in keeping the schools safe for staff & students.
- The **Palliser HR Department** is dedicated to providing services to its' 1,588 staff. The team processed over 32,000 transactions from March 2020 - March 2021 that include leaves for sickness, long term medical, COVID, unpaid, maternity and parental leaves. This is an increase of over 37% processed last year.
- The **2021-2022 budget** is being reviewed and discussed by the Board and Senior Administration to have it ready to submit for the government's deadline of May 31.

- Information was shared on **funds for special projects raised by School Fundraising**, School Generated Funds and a Society under the School Council Umbrella. Schools must follow guidelines when raising funds, and must be used for the purpose for which they were raised.
- The **Three Year Capital Plan and Ten Year Planning Priorities (2021-2031)** were approved by the Board for submission to Alberta Ed. Following much discussion Coalhurst High School, County Central High School in Vulcan and Sunnyside School were identified as the top three schools needing building improvements.
- An effective **Policy Development** assists the Board in governing the school division efficiently. The trustees have reviewed all the policies and will review them on an annual basis.
- Board Chair Robert Strauss congratulated **Dr. Adam Browning** for completing his Doctorate. Dr. Browning's hard work is evident in all he does for Palliser's staff and students, but especially during the pandemic, as head of the COVID Response Team.

Principal

1. 2020/2021

- a. Online learning is going well with most students still engaged, better than most other schools around from what we hear
- b. Mental health of students is good as far as we know
- c. We have moved our PD day to May 21 to get our students back in sooner
- d. no speculating on what happens if we don't return as scheduled on May 25
- e. Grad moved to June 29. Happy to announce every student is on pace to graduate now that was hoping to graduate this spring.

2. 2021/2022

- a. Calendar
 - i. Calendar is final.
 - ii. Copy will be going on website soon
- b. Grade 10 St. Catherine's tour went well. Got 5 families and a foothold maybe
- c. Grade 10 orientation night on May 26.
- d. School population prediction = 146
- e. Online Learning Option
 - i. Have to pause this for a moment in next year's planning. Some complaints have come in across the division and province over the extra taxing nature of this on teachers. There may be some directives coming out which will impact our ability to potentially offer this option in the fall..
- f. Extra Curricular Sports
 - i. Casey and Joanna are planning for a full return this fall.
- g. Mental Health month and student action committee

Council Report:

- 1) New curriculum, full support of Palliser Board not to pilot the new curriculum
- 2) Calendar - Council appreciated the Monday PD Day although Palliser moving to Friday Days instead
- 3) Can we bring out a food truck (Kona Shaved Ice) for one of the end days of the year this year? Perhaps pizza, ice cream sandwiches, etc. Sandra will check with parents and coordinate something for year-end.

New Business:

Around the Table:

Next Meeting: No June Meeting.

Adjournment: 4:15 pm