

Attending - Mr. Mark Lowe (Principal, Picture Butte High School), Mr. Gord Bramfield (Teacher, Picture Butte High School), Mrs. Deanna Williams (Administrative Assistant, Picture Butte High School), Mr. Mike Oliver (School Trustee - Picture Butte, Palliser Regional Schools), Ms. Roxanne Drake, Ms. Michelle Swartzenburger, Ms. Michelle Marti, Ms. Kelly McLeod, Ms. Bronwyn Kelly, Ms. Amanda Burke, Mandy Zeinstra

1. Approval of last minutes (June 13th): deferred to Oct meeting
2. Elections
  - a. President - Kelly McLeod
  - b. Vice President - Roxanne Drake
  - c. Secretary - Michelle Marti
3. Meeting Dates: 2nd Thursday of every month, 7PM for Oct(Oct 10), Nov, Dec, Feb - May (2024); excluding Jan and June due to semester change and end of school year.
4. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)
  - a. Laurie Zemchuk gave a presentation on Home Schooling.
  - b. Inclusive Education. New Ed Forms are more user friendly at least.
  - c. New cell phone policy has been positive feedback so far.
  - d. Significant discussion ensued over private schools now entitled to full public funding.
5. Principal's report (Attached agenda)
  - a. 24/25 School Year
    - i. General Flavor is a bit weird. Pretty positive and encouraging, but pockets of discontent and a thin veneer of positive maybe. Terry Fox went over really well. \$503 goal, \$746 raised.
    - ii. New staff
      1. Mrs. Henriksen (Taking over Mr. Thompson)
      2. Mr. Davies (Taking over Mr. Clark)
      3. Ms. Netzel (Mrs. Joyal)
      4. Interns (Ms. Bosch, Mr. Manns, Ms Jersch)
    - iii. School Enrolment - predicted 137, now at 153 + 11 international students
      1. Cut from 9.0 down to 8.8. Still bending but not breaking yet. Lost some FSLC time, caretaking time.
      2. Class sizes are ranging from 6-42
    - iv. Outdoor board is actually working
    - v. Academic meetings went well. Math is a struggle point in the school and province.
    - vi. FarmEd progress: kids are motivated and excited to contribute to be a part of the program.

1. Limited Livestock program has been approved
  2. Just need more time
- vii. Cell phone policy changes
  1. Policy is going well.

6. Chairperson Report.

- a. Bell times. Is there any change on this? Not yet.
  - b. Can we have ceiling fans and sound baffling in the gym. Can we have the air exchanger in the gym looked at.
  - c. Is there a yearbook club for kids?
  - d. No report at this time
7. Other Agenda items:
- a.
8. Next meeting dates - October 10
9. Meeting Adjourned 20:45, moved by Ms. Schwartzenberger.

Attending - Mr. Mark Lowe (Principal), Mrs. Deanna Williams (Administrative Assistant), Ms. Roxanne Drake, Ms. Michelle Marti, Ms. Kelly McLeod, Ms. Bronwyn Kelly, , Mandy Zeinstra

Regrets - Mr. Mike Oliver (School Trustee - Picture Butte, Palliser Regional Schools), Ms. Michelle Swartzenburger, Ms. Amanda Burke, Gord Bramfield (Teacher rep)

1. Approval of last minutes (June 13th & September 26): Michelle moved, seconded by Roxanne.
2. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)
  - a. No report at this time
3. Principal's report (Attached agenda)
  - a. 24/25 School Year
    - i. Mike can't make it due to ATA years of service. I should be there for 25 years but I missed even applying.
    - ii. Bend and break. With our recent cuts, we are feeling the effects of reduced staffing and we may have hot spots that don't get attended to or addressed properly. The Province needs to address funding shortfalls or we could be faced with some unfortunate problems.
    - iii. Going to Brooks and Rolling Hills on October 17. EAL programming is a big need and their program is highly touted. We will see what we can learn from there.
    - iv. Unrest in the Province. Being the lowest funded school per pupil in Canada is a huge concern of schools right now. A strike could be coming in this year or next.
    - v. Enough funding for about 100 new schools in Alberta. 400 proposals with only 90 of them from the public school sector
    - vi. Incidents of concern are on the rise. Involves staff and students. Ranges from stress to bad decisions. These incidents are significantly impacting productivity of school and taking away from educational focus
4. Chairperson Report.
  - a. Discussion took place on planning the Christmas Midnight Madness event. There was much optimism in this. Kelly will supply a list to the school and we will have people attend a meeting next week to take part in Midnight Madness.
5. Other Agenda items:
  - a. None presented.
6. Next meeting dates - November 7
7. Meeting Adjourned 19:52, moved by Ms. Drake

Attending - Mr. Mark Lowe (Principal), Mrs. Deanna Williams (Administrative Assistant), Ms. Roxanne Drake, Ms. Michelle Marti, Ms. Kelly McLeod, Mandy Zeinstra, Amanda Burke, Mr. Gord Bramfield (Teacher Representative), Danielle Ross, Steph Winch, Alicia Bourque

Regrets - Ms. Michelle Swartzenburger

1. Approval of last minutes (October 10): Michelle M moved, seconded by Roxanne D.
2. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)
  - a. Palliser has hired a company called Insight to assist with developing our Mission statement, vision and goals moving forward. This company has suggested that Palliser not piggyback the survey for the 2024-2025 calendar with their survey. Palliser is going to be sending out a survey to all parents to get their feedback on the proposed idea of changing the Friday schedule. This survey is supposed to come out early in 2025.
3. Principal's report (Attached agenda)
  - a. 24/25 School Year
    - i. Brooks Review. The trip went well and we learned a lot about how to implement a beginners EAL program. After talks with Adam Browning, we have approval to move forward with an EA position for EAL.
    - ii. FarmEd Grant and program update
      1. Potential new grant coming. More will be coming on this if we are able to secure it. About \$10,000 to spend from other grants right now
      2. Grade 7-9 are trying a plant growing exercise. We are doing this to involve our Grade 7-9's a bit more.
    - iii. Kitchen revamp spending plan. After we confirm funds in finance, we will be undertaking a Foods room revamp to bring the room back up to snuff.
    - iv. Vape detection system needed. Will cost about \$3000 for two bathrooms but, since vaping is a problem, we want to go ahead with this. We will do this once we get the power situation figured out with Division Maintenance
    - v. November 29 update. We have a few more meetings but we are pretty good to go for this event. Posters and advertising are out. We will put it up on our outdoor billboard soon.
    - vi. Functioning timetable for next year. Assumes status quo staffing based on enrolment prediction of over 140.

4. Chairperson Report.
  - a. Parents have signed up for the November 29 event and they are looking forward to hosting the night.
  - b. Parents are sponsoring and giving volunteer support to the Christmas supper planned for the last Friday in December.
5. Other Agenda items:
  - a. None presented.
6. Next meeting dates - December 11
7. Meeting Adjourned 8:35, moved by Roxanne D

Attending - Mr. Mark Lowe (Principal), Mrs. Deanna Williams (Administrative Assistant), Ms. Roxanne Drake, Ms. Michelle Marti, Ms. Kelly McLeod, Ms. Bronwyn Kelly, , Mandy Zeinstra

Regrets - Mr. Mike Oliver (School Trustee - Picture Butte, Palliser Regional Schools), Ms. Michelle Swartzenburger, Ms. Amanda Burke, Gord Bramfield (Teacher rep)

1. Approval of last minutes (Nov 7): Michell moved, seconded by Amanda.
2. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)
  - a. No report submitted
3. Principal's report (Attached agenda)
  - a. 24/25 School Year
    - i. School budget update. Now working on Decentralized. Preparing for a meeting with Cindy to outline my concerns for the budgeting and tracking process.
    - ii. EAL update. We have hired Mila Kucherenko
    - iii. School update
    - iv. EAL classroom assistant and EAL programming. EAL audit coming
    - v. FarmEd Grant and program update
      1. Potential new grant coming.
      2. About \$10,000 to spend from other grants right now
      3. Grade 7-9 are trying a plant growing exercise
      4. We finally have the heater being installed in our greenhouse and the flooring has arrived so we are finally making progress here.
      5. Grade 9's will be doing the plumbing portion of the greenhouse after doing such a good job in the options rotation in that field.
    - vi. Kitchen revamp spending plan
    - vii. Vape detection system needed. Will cost about \$3000
    - viii. Our outdoor billboard has been on the fritz again. It has not been operational for the past four weeks. It is working, but stuck on the old show. New shows cannot be sent to the screen.
    - ix. Have had some issues with students not behaving well at lunch hour. Driving downtown and theft at some stores. Working with RCMP and stores.
    - x. Mental health spike just prior to Christmas holidays. Rhiece has adjusted her schedule to accommodate but she is definitely busier than she has been.
    - xi. November 29 review. It went really well. We had over 263 for the event and we had really good reviews and much appreciation as we gave tours

and had them try our free stations in the warmth of a 'mini mall'. We have already signed up to do this again next year.

- b. 25/26 year
  - i. Projection is now set at 141 for next year so far which is a modest increase over this year. I am presently planning for a status quo staffing and funding year.
  - ii. This may change as the Division will be changing drastically since they are losing a big school to my understanding. Not sure what their plans are for downsizing
- 4. Chairperson Report.
  - a. Discussion.
- 5. Other Agenda items:
  - a. None presented.
- 6. Next meeting dates - January 16, 2025
- 7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:42pm, moved by Michelle Marti

Attending - Mrs. Deanna Williams (Administrative Assistant), Ms. Roxanne Drake, Ms. Michelle Marti, Ms. Kelly McLeod, Mandy Zeinstra, Amanda Burke, Mr. Gord Bramfield (Teacher Representative), Danielle Ross, Steph Winch, Alicia Bourque, Ms. Michelle Schwartzburger

- Regrets from Mark Lowe (Principal); Alicia Bourque (parent); Michelle Schwartzburger (parent)

1. Approval of last minutes (November 7): Michelle M moved, seconded by Amanda Burke

2. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)

- a. Palliser had a report for OHS indicating 4 incidents that had been reported. All 4 incidents were deemed as an accident.
- b. The Division is piloting an app in Vulcan and Calgary which allows staff and students to report concerns and positive behaviours. This program is an initiative for OHS targeting individuals that go above and beyond. The FSLC teams are administering and monitoring the information to prevent a breach of security.
- c. Transportation - distance was supposed to change beginning the 2024-2025 school year. The province has changed the dynamics of the transportation policy. Palliser already implemented the original mileage proposal and Palliser will have to inform parents that we can no longer abide by the new model. The 1.6 km that is currently being used no longer fits into the provincial mandate. Palliser has to backtrack and is trying to come up with a process to alleviate the potential kickback they may receive from upset parents. Schools are still getting the 50% discount for transportation costs charged for field trips. The money maker comes from providing transportation for field trips outside of the school division. Palliser is currently receiving a subsidy from the province for fuel. Our average fuel cost is \$1.70 for diesel. There is a group called CANOE for rural municipalities that you can use to purchase fuel (diesel or gasoline). Mr. Oliver will look into this with Dave Shaw.
- d. With the insurance cap being removed by the provincial government, Palliser is having a difficult time securing companies to remove snow, etc.
- e. Budget update - news was not good. Palliser has received notice that we will receive a 1.5 million budget loss for this current school year. Palliser is currently looking at a 2.6 million dollar deficit for this school year. They are looking at ways to pair it down and Sr. Administration has said they will not reduce staffing to cover the deficit. In the town of Coaldale, KA old site was supposed to be given to Palliser in exchange for John Davidson. After this deal was made, Alberta infrastructure took over the old KA building so Palliser is writing a letter to our Premiere to ask the government to honor the original contract.
- f. Larger centers (Edmonton and Calgary) seem to be getting more funding compared to rural communities.
- g. Current provincial bargaining is not looking good in Edmonton Public. If Edmonton and Calgary decide to go on strike there is a good chance that the rest



of the province will follow. Palliser is asking for bargaining to include EA's support staff within the bargaining unit because their salaries do not even come close to matching where they should be.

3. Principal's report (Attached agenda)

a. 24/25 School Year

- i. Based on potential deficits within the Division, schools are being asked not to spend any surplus funds. Surplus funds are not being taken away but we do need to ensure enough funds are in the coffers to cover this year's budget.

b. 25/26 year

- i. We handed out the DRAFT calendar for the 25/26 school year. Mr. Oliver stated that it was his belief that each principal has the ability to suggest individual school site based PD days just as long as the minimum number of instructional days for high school does not go below 1010.
- ii. Next year's projections have been sent in. This year we projected 137 and actually had 150. Next year we are projecting 143. Time will tell on actuals.
- iii. November 29 Mini Mall Market was a great success
- iv. Linvingston School Division looking at creating a 4 day school week. Mr. Oliver asked the group what they thought. Parents are for this. Mr. Oliver brought up the fact that the school day length would increase. Parents are willing to look into this potential and figure it out. Would this decrease the overall transportation budget?
- v. Discussion Specific to Length of Days and Bell Schedule
  - 1. In Champion, parents were given the opportunity to have a 4 day week and the parents voted it down.
  - 2. Milo has a strict 4 day work week (Monday - Thursday) and if Monday is a holiday, they don't have to make up hours on Friday. Their hours are 8:30 - 4:00. Site based PD days have to be on Friday.
  - 3. Students mental health - would like to have Flex Friday's and the teachers sign off on their required attendance if the student has completed all required assignments for the week. Flex Friday's could occur once a month (not every Friday).
  - 4. Flex Friday's was a huge incentive to get students to come to school.
  - 5. Admin Procedure 111 - Mr. Oliver read it aloud to everyone present to let parents know where the discussion pertaining to the possible change in bell schedules for the 25/26 school year is coming from.
    - a. With the superintendent retirement announcement and all of the processes that are going on, the direction that Palliser is heading is unknown. Palliser has stated that they will take all stakeholders opinions into consideration

when making a final decision on the adjustment to the current ½ day Friday schedules and the potential to increase Friday's to full days.

- vi. New proposed testing materials for Kindergarten students was brought up
  - 1. Palliser's take - there are pros and cons. It is out of Pallisers wheel house as it has been mandated by the provincial government.

4. Chairperson Report.

- a. Parents - has nothing to report
- b. We received another \$500 parent engagement funding
- c. Discussion began about PBHS hosting a local market in the gym and invite all local businesses to participate (maybe donate swag bags and hand them out at PBHS to everyone to encourage people to go up to the local businesses to use their discount coupons).
- d. Kona Ice - end of the year sports day event?

5. Other Agenda items:

- a. Kona Ice - end of the year sports day event?

6. Next meeting dates - February 13,2025

7. Meeting Adjourned 8:30, moved by Amanda Burke

Attending - Mrs. Deanna Williams (Administrative Assistant), Ms. Kelly McLeod, Mandy Zeinstra, Amanda Burke, Mr. Gord Bramfield (Teacher Representative), Danielle Ross,, Alicia Bourque,

- Regrets from - Ms. Roxanne Drake, Ms. Michelle Marti, Steph Winch, Ms. Michelle Swartzenburger

1. Approval of last minutes (January 16): Alicia B moved, seconded by Mandy Zeinstra

2. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)

- a. Tech Department presented a 20 page document. The Division has experienced 6000 attempts at breaking into our data. The division is looking for support from the Province to help this. Data usage is above the level of service costing the division an extra \$150,000. AI tools are being investigated.
- b. Mental Health and Wellness update. FSLC and Making Connections Workers staffing is up but demand is higher. The Division is already spending \$800,000 more than what was budgeted.

3. Principal's report (Attached agenda)

a. 24/25 School Year

- i. Term 2 startup has gone well
- ii. All Grade 12's are either graduated, on pace to graduate, or know what needs to be done to graduate. Questions were raised on school fees and the policy of requiring all fees to be paid and up to date in order to graduate. After significant discussion, the following motion was made.  
**Motion - Amanda, Alicia, The Parent would like to state that we are in support of the policy which requires the payment of school fees to be up to date in order to be eligible to take part in graduation.**  
**Motion Carried.**
- iii. Surplus purchasing has been suspended until September 2025
- iv. Will have some students building an eBike this spring
- v. Greenhouse is finally getting attention for completion
- vi. I'm attending a 100 year Picture Butte Anniversary meeting tomorrow to take part in preparations.
- vii. Just got our AERR survey request today
- viii. Diploma results in. Improving but still work to do.

b. 25/26 year

- i. 25/26 Bell times/School Calendar discussion. The survey results essentially indicated that no changes to the bell schedule was supported. The plan at this point is to present a status quo schedule.
- ii. 25/26 staffing considerations. Several scenarios were discussed on potential staffing implications based on budgetary changes. At this point, reductions are more probable.

- iii. Small change to projections. This year we projected 137 and actually had 150. Next year we are projecting 142. Time will tell on actuals.
- 4. Chairperson Report.
  - a. Kelly asked if it was a mandate to include 15 minute breaks and 45 minute lunches. Jackie Kark said things could stay the same if we have data and evidence to back up the proposal.
  - b. Kelly received a presentation on the 'Anxious generation'.
- 5. Other Agenda items:
  - a. None presented
- 6. Next meeting dates - March 13,2025 @ 7:00pm
- 7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm, moved by Alicia Bourque

Attending - Deanna Williams (Administrative Assistant), Mandy Zeinstra, Amanda Burke, Gord Bramfield (Teacher Representative), Danielle Ross, Michelle Swartzenburger, Mark Lowe (Principal), Mike Oliver (Trustee), Michelle Marti, Roxanne Drake,

- Regrets from - Kelly McLeod, Alicia Bourque,

1. Approval of last minutes (February 13, 2025): Mandy Zeinstra , Amanda Burke
2. Off Campus Presentation - Ginny Bergsma
3. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)
  - a. Bussing reports. There will be some Provincial funding changes as the Province moves back from 1km to 1.6km. Palliser will still operate with a 1km standard but there will be no money to cover it. They will continue as it seems to be the right thing to do.
  - b. Budget. Details are still being looked at. Without details, it is hard to know what the February budget really means for Palliser. Stance is to try to maintain boots on the ground. Recent data shows better retention rates within the division of teaching and support positions. In addition, we have an increase in substitute teachers which is a positive development. Overall, budget is not in crisis mode yet but our surplus funds are almost gone.
  - c. HR report. There is some uncertainty over the EA situation with potential province wide strikes. Since our EA's are not CUPE, we are under different circumstances and there is hope a strike can be avoided.
  - d. New Superintendent has been hired. Tom Hamer has been chosen. Adam Browning has also been hired as the new Superintendent of Horizon School Division.
  - e. Insight Survey results will be made available relatively soon. Relatively low return of surveys means the results will need to be looked at with that perspective.
4. Principal's report (Attached agenda)
  - a. 24/25 School Year
    - i. Trying to do AERR surveys Monday. Parents will go out tomorrow or Monday. All are due on March 21.
    - ii. Surplus purchasing is still being suspended until September 2025
    - iii. I'm attending another 100 year Picture Butte Anniversary meeting tomorrow to take part in preparations. Video crew is coming together.
    - iv. Video team has qualified for Skills Canada Provincials by winning the SouthWest regional competition.
    - v. EAL program update. We are up to 29 EAL students (from 24) for next year. Program is evolving with more needs.

- vi. Collection rate is 70% right now for school fees. However, we have roughly \$12,000 in uncollected school fees.
  - vii. Upcoming events
    - 1. May 24 - Grad
    - 2. June 5 - Community BBQ
    - 3. June 25 - Awards Night
- b. 25/26 year
  - i. Curriculum implementation will be coming to PBHS over the next two years. Specifics are a bit murky at the moment
  - ii. Very likely will be losing at least one EA next year (Jordan's Principle).
  - iii. St. Catherine's tour and presentation went well. Our projection was actually 143 (not 142 as reported at the last meeting). Actual projection is now 147.
  - iv. 25/26 Bell times/School Calendar discussion. The Division surveys are not completed yet. The plan at this point is to present a status quo schedule unless the last surveys say otherwise.
- 5. Chairperson Report.
  - a. At last school council meeting, we need to have School council do a summary of council activities
    - i. Just have to do Form A that is provided at Palliser website at <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/parents/school-councils>. Side note. We can use funds to pay students to take care of younger students during a parental engagement activity
- 6. Other Agenda items:
  - a. For next year, can our high school basketball teams go through a ref clinic. It is a good idea to investigate.
  - b. ATA info. A handout was given showing funding to Alberta education shows that funding is down and wages are not keeping up.
- 7. Next meeting dates - April 10, 2025 @ 7:00pm
- 8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm, moved by Amanda Burke

Attending - Kelly McLeod, Mandy Zeinstra, Michelle Marti, Amanda Burke, Alicia Bourque, Mark Lowe (Principal), Mike Oliver (Trustee), Gord Bramfield

- Regrets from -Deanna Williams, Danielle Ross, Michelle Schwarzenburger, Roxanne Drake

1. Approval of last minutes (March 13, 2025): Amanda, Alicia
2. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)
  - a. SACI programs. This program is increasing exposure to career pathways in trades, agriculture and health care. This is a good program to take part in and PBHS should take advantage.
  - b. Report on numeracy. A committee is looking at how to teach Math differently and adapt to new curriculum
  - c. Report on Literacy. Present programming is having significant progress and Palliser's reputation for our success is growing internationally.
  - d. Facilities report. Significant change has seen the hiring of Rick Aos. He will be assessing the needs of our building.
3. Principal's report (Attached agenda)
  - a. 24/25 School Year
    - i. Attended Best PD I've been to in the last 25 years and strongly suggest Robin Gibb be considered for other PD opportunities.
    - ii. Paul Boehnert is doing an ATA middle years council expose on our program at PBHS. It is highlighting our Electrical/plumbing/construction streams offered to our jr. school students.
    - iii. 24/25 budget is now better (overall deficit will be lower) than anticipated and we can now revisit any purchases using surplus funds
    - iv. Rick Aos, new Facilities Manager, toured PBHS and our new priorities are now: sound baffling in the gym (promised after giving up our gym flooring to County Central High School), air exchangers in 203/204, and video surveillance.
    - v. 100 year anniversary. Four students, at PBHS, have been able to secure \$4000 in grant funding. We will be using the money to buy more video cameras, scanners, and storage devices.
    - vi. Student Advisory Meeting results
      1. Please give us more practical living life information/learning
      2. Please give us more experiential learning

3. Cool concept presented by the students to do short Master classes (three hour classes in various topics eg. how to get a mortgage)
- vii. Can PAC serve at our May 6 jr high track meet? Michelle, Mandy and Kelly all said they would be able to serve.
- viii. Upcoming events
  1. May 24 - Grad, June 5 - Community BBQ, June 25 - Awards Night
- b. 25/26 year
  - i. Review of school fee structure. Our fees are on the low side but seem to be keeping us balanced so no significant changes proposed. Exceptions are major sport fees. Recommendation was made to bump fees by \$100 but if you volunteer required amount, \$100 is returned.
  - ii. Curriculum implementation will be coming to PBHS over the next two years. Specifics are in
    1. 7-9 math and social studies. Calm and career education will be rolled out next year as pilots. These subjects will be official in 26/27
    2. Rest of subjects will pilot in 26/27 then become official in 27/28
  - iii. 25/26 Budget. Roughly \$2,000,000 to trim from this status quo year.
  - iv. St. Catherine's commitment could be down this year. Only 5/17 committed at this point. Overall, our projection was actually 143. Actual projection is now 144.
  - v. 25/26 Bell times/School Calendar discussion. The Division surveys were presented to the Board but not us yet. I have submitted a near status quo bell schedule. Do we value Fridays?
  - vi. Proposed 25/26 meeting months. September, October, November, January, March, May
4. Chairperson Report.
  - a. Foster Care presentation is wishing to give a presentation at our next meeting. It is a group home program.
  - b. Reminder: that At our last school council meeting, we need to have School council do a summary of council activities found at <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/parents/school-councils>.
5. Other Agenda items:
  - a. Ginny Bergsma was in to give a presentation on Off Campus education. We presently run RAP, Green Certificate, Dual Credit, MyBluePrint. Parents were given a quick overview of all of our programs and then asked to complete a survey and let the other parents know of the programs as well.



6. Next meeting dates - May 22, 2025 @ 7:00pm
7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:44pm, moved by Amanda

Attending - Kelly McLeod, Mandy Zeinstra, Michelle Marti, Amanda Burke, Alicia Bourque, Mark Lowe (Principal), Deanna Williams, Danielle Ross, Roxanne Drake,

Regrets from -, Michelle Schwarzenburger, Mike Oliver (Trustee), Gord Bramfield

1. Approval of last minutes (April 10, 2025): Amanda, Mandy Z
2. Trustee Report (Mr. Mike Oliver)
  - a. Inclusive Education. Movement towards it. It has some positive features and some challenges
  - b. Indigenous education update. Biggest finding is consistent support over time makes the biggest impact
  - c. Fiscal update. The Division deficit is lower than expected. Site visits are being done and prioritizing maintenance and safety needs.
  - d. CTS trailer update - being used by some schools. Not needed at PBHS.
  - e. Education Plan. No major changes. Our school surveys will be discontinued.
3. Principal's report (Attached agenda)
  - a. 24/25 School Year
    - i. Upcoming events
      1. May 24 - Grad
      2. May 28 - new student orientation,
      3. May 29 - International Student night
      4. June 5 - Community BBQ,
      5. June 25 - Awards Night
    - ii. Have two families that have not paid fees yet that are taking part in Grad
    - iii. Present financial situation. Expected Surplus draw down is predicted to be \$21,000. We were attempting \$10,000
      1. \$3000 Long jump and triple jump bill
      2. Extra \$7000 into Foods, Mechanics, construction
      3. Photocopying about \$3000 more than expected
      4. Staffing about \$8000 out of surplus
  - b. 25/26 year
    - i. Grad - supper not well attended. Should we continue
    - ii. School fees. Collection rate is about 70% which is not bad but could be better
      1. Review of school fee structure. Our fees will not increase next year for options fees, but may for sport fees. Suggestion is still on the books to bump fees by \$100 but if you volunteer required amount, \$100 is returned.

- iii. St. Catherines sign up is slightly better than last meeting. Looking at 7 grade 9's not 5 at this point. Actual projection is now at 149.
  - iv. Potential job action is brewing after last provincial budget.
    - 1. Job cuts expected.
    - 2. Strike expected.
    - 3. Teachers have given up a guaranteed raise as we fight for classroom complexity
    - 4. Big issue is an expected enrolment drop to 130 in 2026,2027 which will be a year of cuts if we hit that number.
      - a. 1.0 FTE in 26/27 and possibly two more support staff
  - v. 25/26 Bell times/School Calendar discussion. Our calendar is not yet approved. There is a potential to have our Jan 29 PD day denied but rest will be approved.
  - vi. Proposed 25/26 meeting months. September, October, November, January, March, May
4. Chairperson Report.
- a. We need help with our Exam month breakfast programs.
  - b. Betterment meeting on Monday. They are working on a way to still offer two scholarships to jr high and sr high.
  - c. Reminder: At our last school council meeting, we need to have School council do a summary of council activities found at <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/parents/school-councils>.
5. Other Agenda items:
- a. None presented
6. Next meeting dates - Sept 18, 2025 @ 7:00pm
7. Meeting Adjourned at pm, moved by Stephanie Winch

