

Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
Via Video Conference

1. Call to Order at 6:41 pm
 - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – Shannon Little, Amy Kerr, Jason Prebushewski, Josh Martens, Carley Campbell, Sharon Rutledge, Brett Clifton, Tanya Johnson, Debbie Laturnus, Shauna Pauls, and Ineke Haan. Natasha Richards sends her regrets.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve as presented– Shannon Little
 - b. 2nd by – Carley - Campbell
3. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2020
 - a. Motion to approve as presented – Shannon Little
 - b. 2nd – Tanya Johnson
4. Reports
 - a. Trustee Reports
 - i. Debbie Laturnus – September Board Meeting held September 15th.
 1. Tom Hamer, Associate Superintendent of Learning Services reported on the division online learning services.
 2. Alberta Ed announced dispersal of funds from the Federal Government; the division will use the funds for safety in the schools.
 3. With an election coming next year the board had to address the Ward Boundaries they are leaving boundaries as they are.
 4. Discussed the Appointment of the Deputy Superintendent; he takes over the duties of the Superintendent when he cannot perform them. Tom Hamer was recommended.
 5. Staff have been back in the schools for several weeks.
 - ii. Sharon Rutledge
 1. See attached
 - b. Chairperson Report
 - i. Shannon Little
 1. Welcome to the new school year.
 2. Nothing to report
 3. Hope to see everyone at future council meetings to stay up to date with happenings at Baker and to provide input.
 - c. Principal's Report
 - i. Jason Prebushewski
 1. New staff members
 - Brett Clifton is the new vice principal. He brings great skills to the position and was acting vice principal at Wilson Middle School.
 - Mr. Hornung is in Grade 7.

- Mr. Schneider is in Gym.
 - Ms. Ruttan is replacing Michael Willems who was recruited to Palliser Beyond Borders and is covering his Grade 6 Social class.
 - Ms. Gagne is back from her year in Cambodia.
2. COVID
- Athletics are on hold for now. Volleyball is usually the school's first sport of the school year, but it will not run.
 - Band will continue as it has started. Province has okayed some blowing into musical instruments, but RI Baker will keep the status quo and not make any changes in this first month of school.
 - Field trips and outings will not be happening for the first few months.
 - Students exhibiting or complaining of COVID symptoms will be sent home. The school has a low tolerance with regards to this. The recommendation is to get a COVID test as students cannot return to school until they have a negative test, have been home for 10 days, or have no symptoms.
 - The school will not be breaking cohort groups and may be tightening up restrictions in some areas. The recent outbreaks at Chinook High School has the school reevaluating its recess policy. If there is a case in the school then AHS will contact the school to find out who the student was in contact with; with the current recess policy that could be 100 students. The school would have to be prepared to quarantine those students. Current recess policy is to zone the students in grade level groups, but the staff will be asked to brainstorm to reduce exposure at recess times. There will be a change in recess by the end of the week, such as more zones or adjusted timetables.
3. Enrolment has gone up a bit to 428. 400 in the school and 28 at Palliser Beyond Borders. All the students that are returning will be tested for literacy and numeracy. A math intervention and programming test will be administered to test what they should have learned last year. They will also still participate in the Fountas and Pinnell assessments for reading as they do every year. They will be sharing the grade 5 info with JEES.
4. Walkathon is the schools only fundraiser and is very good in terms of fundraising dollars. It will look different this year but will go ahead. They will have to be creative on how it is run, and the staff have been approached with questions of how it could look this year. Prior year's results are not expected to occur this year.
5. Canteen will run this year, but they currently don't have anyone to work it. They lost Mr. Cahoon as custodian; he took a job at a school on the west side that was closer to home. (New custodian is Scott Ross and he is doing a great job.) He gave up part of his lunch hour every day to run the canteen with Ms. Bueckert. She is also unable to work the canteen this year because of health issues. The plan is to give each class a canteen day instead of having 200 kids lined up

at the canteen every lunch hour. Each class will have a day every 16 days. The school is looking for volunteers to run the canteen. Two people are needed, 1 to handle the money and 1 to serve the food. The time commitment is about half an hour a day, with the kids being served from 11:40 to 12:00. Forward any recommendations to Mr. Prebushewski. Considering investigating into whether any high school students would be interested. Shannon suggested posting the position on the school website and Tanya asked whether the Grade 8's could take turns running it. Mr. Prebushewski has to confirm with the division if that would be acceptable and in line with the rules surrounding cohorting. If it is allowed, it might be something that the student leadership team could take on.

6. Halloween costumes should not be bought for students too early as the school doesn't know what Halloween will look like at the school this year.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Turkey Dinner

i. 2019 review

1. 500 people fed at the dinner.
2. \$1,234 cost, turkey and potatoes donated giving a savings \$800.
Thanks to Davis Auto group and Perry Potatoes for the donations.
3. 12 dinner trays were provided to RI Baker families.

- ii. In 2020 it may be possible to do the dinner, but Mr. Prebushewski hasn't planned further than 2 months ahead. A decision will likely be made in October. If it went ahead there would likely need to be changes made regarding the preparation and serving of the food. Will need to serve in smaller cohorts, i.e., classes as opposed to grades. The date would stay the same if we went ahead with it, but we will have an informal meeting in October to discuss.

6. New Business

- a. No new business

7. Bouquets

- a. Shannon Little thanks the staff of R.I. Baker for ensuring a safe and welcoming atmosphere for the students in a challenging environment.
- b. Carley Campbell thanks the school for providing the students with lanyards for their masks.
- c. Tanya Johnson thanks the staff of R.I. Baker as well. She appreciates all they have done to enable to kids to come back to school. Expressed her trust in the administration and staff in their ability to keep the students safe.

8. Next Meeting(s)

- a. November 10, 2020 at 6:30pm via Video conference.
- b. Jan 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- c. March 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- d. May 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm

- 9. Adjournment at 7:27 pm.
 - a. Motion to adjourn – Shannon Little
 - b. 2nd – Tanya Johnson

RIBMS Parent Council Meeting Sept 15, 2020

Welcome to the 2020 - 2021 School Year with predictions of becoming very challenging for all. The federal and provincial govts along with Alberta Health Services have put in place rigid guidelines for our school re-entry plan with announcements that are constantly changing. Be assured that Palliser is adhering to these guidelines to make the education of your children as safe as possible.

The Palliser Board of Trustees held their organizational meeting on August 25, 2020. Robert Strauss is once again Board Chair, Lorelei Bexte is Vice-Chair and Debbie Laturus is Alternate Vice-Chair. The meeting also saw members named to a variety of committees.

We welcomed Audrey Kluin as our new Associate Superintendent of Human Resources for the Palliser School Division starting August 26, 2020. She joins us from Foothills School Division and has many areas of expertise.

Superintendent Dave Driscoll did a walkthrough of each of the Palliser Schools with the school administrators in preparation of school opening. Central office administrators continue to have regular contacts with all the schools.

Finance Services Supervisor Cindy Rogers provided the Board with updated financial projections to the end of August. At the end of May 2020, a large deficit was expected, however, projections now call for a surplus. The closing balance for the 2019-2020 school year will not be finalized until the audit in the fall.

Rod Swartzenberger, Facilities Services Supervisor, provided a long list of work done by maintenance staff and summer students from installation of more than 70 interactive white boards, infrastructure projects to create more learning spaces, drainage work on school fields, and parking lot upgrades, in efforts to make school grounds in Palliser a source of pride in the communities they serve.

Have a safe and healthy year!

Report submitted by, Sharon Rutledge Trustee