

Meeting Minutes for  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
Via Video Conference

1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm
  - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – Shannon Little, Jason Prebushewski, Josh Martens, Sharon Rutledge, Brett Clifton, Debbie Laturnus, Carley Campbell, Tanya Johnson, Natasha Richards, and Shauna Pauls.
  
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve as presented– Shannon Little
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Carley Campbell
  
3. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2020
  - a. Motion to approve as presented – Shannon Little
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tanya Johnson
  
4. Reports
  - a. Trustee Reports
    - i. Sharon Rutledge
      1. See attached
  
  - b. Chairperson Report
    - i. Shannon Little
      1. See attached
  
  - c. Principal's Report
    - i. Jason Prebushewski
      1. Enrollment projections are down for next year by approximately 40 students. This is mainly due to a large class of grade 8's (108 students) moving on to Kate Andrews and a small grade 4 class (75 students) moving up from Jennie Emery Elementary School. There were also a few families that were lost to private online schooling this year. Four students from Sunnyside School could be coming for next year.

2. Air conditioning is currently being installed in the school.
3. New dyad structure was put in place at the school to reduce the amount of adult contact that the students will have, as well as limiting the number of students that teachers will have. This is expected to cut down the number affected by a positive COVID-19 case by 50%. Unfortunately, band could not be kept as an exploratory due to the need for Mr. Conrad as a core teacher.
4. Bear Care 2021 is a mental health symposium for students and staff that will be held February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. There are several activities; including yoga, raising succulents, song writing, Zumba classes, banana boats, and bashing a car, that students and staff can take part in. The event is focused on mental health and wellness and was spearheaded by Ms. Leusink.

## 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

### a. Turkey Dinner

- i. Do we replan, postpone, or defer the subject to next meeting? Mr. Prebushewski stated that staff would like to see something happen. They are not necessarily looking at a turkey dinner but suggested something such as tacos and a movie. Natasha suggested that taco in a bag would be the easiest to plan and execute. Mr. Prebushewski asked that anyone willing to join him in a committee to organize something for the spring to please email him. The school will also put something in the newsletter and on the website to gather more parents.

### b. Canteen Volunteers

- i. There is currently one volunteer willing to run the canteen and the school requires a minimum of two. Although Mr. Prebushewski would be willing to open it with a second volunteer, the breakfast program is running and so he is not overly concerned with getting the canteen running. This is because it would add to the number of items being passed around the school, which is not ideal in the current environment.

6. New Business

- a. No new business.

7. Bouquets

- a. Mr. Prebushewski would like to thank the whole staff for their efforts this year, but particularly Josh Martens for his invaluable knowledge and support regarding the technology requirements that are essential because of the COVID-19 situation.
- b. Shannon Little thanks the RI Baker staff for the tremendous effort they put forth to ensure that there was a smooth transition to online learning and back to in-school learning, as well as for their excellent teaching and the positive attitudes they have displayed.

8. Next Meeting

- a. March 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Video Conference

9. Adjournment at 7:01 pm.

- a. Motion to adjourn – Shannon Little
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carley Campbell

## **January 2021 Trustee Report for RIBMS Parent Council Meeting**

### **Highlights: November & December Board Meetings**

1. The Board approved the 2019-2020 audited financial report showing a surplus of just over \$700,000 due to cost savings during the pandemic (sub costs & bus operations)
2. The COVID budget and expenditures was shared with the Board. To assist students and staff, Palliser hired 7.75 certified staff, increased custodial staff hours by 4,850 hours, and hired one computer technician. Sub costs are up by 5.5% compared to the same time last year.
3. The Board voted to accept the 2019-20 Annual Education Results Report. This report normally includes Prov. Tests & Diploma Exams, but due to COVID, these exams were cancelled or not scored. Input from students, staff and parents was included in the report.
4. The Board approved the Three-Year Education Plan representing a plan of action to deal with any areas of concern and to focus on literacy, numeracy and wellness.
5. Early Learning Report shared by Director Shane Cranston & Margaret Vennard. New for 2020-21, Alberta Ed. will no longer fund kindergarten students in the program. Kindergarten programming is now part of Specialized Learning Supports budget providing consistent support throughout a student's K - Gr.12 experience.
6. COVID-19 has had a big impact on the International Student Program with 17 short-term students that either did not travel to Canada or left the program early in the spring of 2020. The Brazilian students who stayed until the end of their program in June 2020, left in early July and arrived back home safely.
7. Associate Superintendent Audrey Kliun shared the proposed 2021-22 calendar which is in line with divisions surrounding Palliser. The first day for students will be Sept. 1, 2021 and their final day will be June 28, 2022. Schools will now begin finalizing their calendars with school councils and staff.
8. The Palliser School Division consists of two wards. Ward One has 4 sub-divisions in the Lethbridge County and Ward Two has 2 sub-divisions in the Vulcan County. Even though the wards have not changed, Alberta Ed. required a new by-law identifying the ward structure in preparation for the next Board trustee election scheduled for October 18, 2021.
9. The Board is reviewing their policies: Approved: Policy 23--Policy Making Policy 1---Role of Board of Trustees In review: Policy 4---Trustee Protocol Policy 11--Appeals & Hearings Regarding Student Matters.

**Next Board Meeting January 26, 2021.**

## **RI BAKER SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT for JANUARY 12, 2021**

For those that may be interested, the Central Alberta Regional Consortium (CARC) is offering a total of 10 webinar sessions in the Parent Support Series between January 14, 2021, and May 10, 2021, covering a variety of topics. Each session is 45 minutes in length and costs \$10. For information on each topic and the specific date that it will be offered, please visit the CARC website at [carcpd.ab.ca/learning-opportunities/](http://carcpd.ab.ca/learning-opportunities/) and select "Parents" from the FOCUS drop down menu.

This year, the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) will be holding The School Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting virtually on April 23 - 25, 2021. For further details, go to the ASCA website at [www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca).

Submitted by Shannon Little - RI Baker School Council Chair