

Meeting Minutes for  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

1. Call to Order at 6:49 pm.
  - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – Jason Prebushewski, Deanna Smith, Sharon Rutledge, Brett Clifton, Debbie Laturus, Carley Campbell, Tammy Bolstad, Elizabeth Vucurevich, Suzi Neufeld, Amy Morice, Stacy Froese, and Shauna Pauls.
  
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve as presented – Carley Campbell
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by – Suzi Neufeld
  
3. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2021
  - a. Motion to approve as distributed – Carley Campbell
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amy Morice
  
4. Reports
  - a. Trustee Reports
    - i. Sharon Rutledge
      1. See attached.
  
  - b. Chairperson Report
    - i. Carley Campbell
      1. Nothing to report.
  
  - c. Principal's Report
    - i. Jason Prebushewski
      1. Wants to welcome everyone and thank them for coming.
      2. Enrolment for the start of the year is down to 370 students from the 420 they had at the end of last school year. There were only three classes from JEES instead of the four that normally come over. Some students stayed online for this year.
      3. Staff changes include:
        - a. Ms. Leusink leaving to take the Vice Principal position at JEES. Hired Mr. Bergmann to replace her.
        - b. Mrs. Kabi will be taking a maternity leave this school year.

- c. The school has hired 4.5 educational assistants for this year.
4. COVID Update– RIBMS is the only school (at least in Coaldale) that requires staff and students to wear masks in the school’s common areas. The decision was made because half of the school is not eligible to receive a vaccination and all the students are able to wear a mask responsibly. School is not cohorting the students by class this year but by grade level and while they are asked to stay in their areas it is possible that the grades can mix when they are in the halls changing classes. It was decided to keep masks until we see where things go. The kids were used to it from last year and so it has not been a big deal for them. The school is hopeful that masks can be gone by December.
5. The school started the year off with no student access to microwaves but have now decided to start using them. New microwaves were purchased so that there is one for each class (sometimes one for two classes as they share in the breakout rooms). The school has asked that students (and parents in sending items) try to keep the reheat times reasonable so that all students are able to get their lunch.
6. Communication was sent to the families of grade 7 and 8 students regarding the possibility of vaccinations being offered to students at the school. However, the school only received one form back from a family so the vaccinations will not be happening at the school.
7. Athletics are a go at the school but there will be some modifications. Particularly, in regard to spectators. Mass gatherings are not allowed in the school and all non-athletes must be masked. The school will space people out on the bleachers by marking off some of the bleachers. The problem is with the number of spectators that attend tournaments. The school will not be allowing spectators to gather and socialize in the atrium and will be requiring them to dine off site.
8. The walk-a-thon is also a go this year. It is the one and only school fundraiser. In a normal year it can bring in \$20,000 which is used to fund field trips and other events at the school. The kids walk 5 to 6 km around Coaldale, and they gather pledges from friends and family to support their walk. Pledges can be paid online and is the only option available this year. The school does not want to handle cash and cheques. Prizes this year will include a mountain bike, helmet, biking gear, and more.
9. September 30<sup>th</sup> is Reconciliation Day and there is no school. Therefore, the school will observe Orange Shirt Day on October 1<sup>st</sup>. At which time the school will be receiving a formal Blackfoot name that will be presented by a Blackfoot Elder. Students will then take the information that he passes on and try and produce a logo that will be added to Baker gear.
  - a. Mr. Prebushewksi, Mr. Conrad, and Austin Boden (an educational assistant with a musical background) will

develop the story musically and put it on the school website.

10. Canteen is back starting Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. It has been taken on by Mrs. Pilling this year. Each grade will be assigned a day that they can purchase lunch from the Canteen. Initial plan is to have the grade 6's on Monday, grade 7's on Tuesday, grade 5's on Wednesday, and grade 8's on Thursday. There is a possible conflict with the Hot Lunch program on Wednesday. It was decided to have the grade 5's on Wednesday as they aren't familiar with how the hot lunch program works however, if a problem occurs the school will reevaluate. Volunteers to help are most welcome and can contact the office.
11. There are plans to do a drama production this year.
12. Council Meetings are planned to occur in person at this time but will be reevaluated each month.
13. Since the school cannot host a "Meet the Teacher" night in person the teachers for each grade level are going to record a video that will be posted online for the parents to view and virtually "meet" the teacher. All the videos should be up by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. None

#### 6. New Business.

- a. Council meetings are scheduled to be in person but will be reevaluated each month.

#### 7. Bouquets

- a. From Tammy Bolstadt to Mr. Conrad and the band clinicians as the band clinic was awesome.
- b. From Mr. Prebushewski to the principals of JEES and Kate Andrews for their efforts and openness on collaborating on the school's reentry plans.
- c. From Suzi Neufeld to Carley Campbell for accepting the Chairperson position.
- d. From Carley Campbell to the staff and teachers for how well school started this year. Teacher communication has been awesome and is greatly appreciated. The emails that have been sent have been great.
- e. From Tammy Bolstad to Mrs. Pillings who has been great at helping the students in the library.
- f.

8. Next Meeting

- a. November 9, 2021, at 6:30 pm.
- b. January 11, 2022
- c. March 8, 2022
- d. May 10, 2022

9. Adjournment at 7:31 pm.

- a. Motion to adjourn – Carley Campbell

**RIB Parent Council Meeting**  
**Sept 14, 2021**  
**Board Report: Trustee Sharon Rutledge**

1. Opening Day celebrations (virtual gatherings at schools) were held on Monday Aug 3. Following the humorous and up- lifting presentation by the keynote speaker, Anthony McLean, the afternoon offered breakout sessions for teachers covering topics on numeracy, literacy, wellness, anti-racism, and assessments.
  
2. Palliser's re-entry plans give individual schools to decide what they will require of their students this coming school year. Of primary concern is masking. As of Saturday, Sept. 4, Alberta Health enacted a new health order related to masking requirements in most indoor spaces. Schools will have received the new health measures as of Sept 7 with parent communication to follow from the school.
  
3. The government of Canada has indicated that field trips are permissible within Canada, but international travel will be cancelled or postponed until further notice.
  
4. The Coaldale Project is currently underway with the joint school / recreation center groundbreaking event held on Friday Sept 10. Coaldale MLA Grant Hunter on behalf of the Alberta govt, dignitaries and representatives from the Town of Coaldale and the Palliser School Division celebrated the start of construction on the brand-new joint school and recreational center in Coaldale (total cost of about \$50 million). Students of the new school will have direct access to the recreation center which is jointly being built with the school.

The new school located on the northwest side of Coaldale will accommodate 855 students in grades 7-12 and will replace the present KAHS building which celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Palliser has tendered piles as well as some of the foundation work and in October steel will be ordered and the rest of the sub-trades will be tendered. The project completion date is expected in the fall of 2023.

The Palliser School Division thanks MLA Grant Hunter, and Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange for moving this project forward.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2021.

