

RI Baker School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 11th, 2022

Virtual

1. Call to Order at 6:37 pm
 - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – Jason Prebushewski, Deanna Smith, Sharon Rutledge, Debbie Laturus, Carley Campbell, Amy Morice, and Tammy Bolstad
 - b. Regrets - Brett Clifton

2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve as presented – Carley Campbell
 - b. 2nd by – Amy Morice

3. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2021
 - a. Motion to approve as distributed – Carley Campbell
 - b. 2nd by – Amy Morice

4. Reports
 - a. Trustee Reports
 - i) Sharon Rutledge (See attached)
 - ii) Debbie Laturus (See attached)

 - b. Chairperson Report
 - i) Carley Campbell – nothing new to report

 - c. Principal Report
 - i) Jason Prebushewski
 1. COVID Update: Any new measures that were introduced were already in practice at the school so nothing has changed at this point. There was a minor pause on sports and we will reevaluate over the weekend. The “Stay at Home Guide” has been updated by Palliser and is posted on the RIBMS website. All COVID related updates are on the website. There are quite a few people out sick and this is being closely tracked to make sure that the school is on top of trends.
 2. Last meeting talked about doing an engagement survey during the Christmas break. Results were discussed and have been shared online.
 3. The canteen menu has been revised. Currently grades have one day a week at canteen. A colour code system will be used. Green items are a healthier choice. (E.g. cheese string)
Orange items have some nutritional value (E.g. hot dog)

Red items have no nutritional value. (E.g. candy)

The price has gone up by .50 for red items and only one red item per day can be purchased. Poutine was the weekly special this week. Next week we will feature soup and buns. Mrs. Macklin has taken on role of wellness committee leader and has worked hard updating the menu. Parent volunteers would be helpful and can contact school if interested.

4. Two international students from France are coming to the school. They will have a two week quarantine period.
5. A cross walk with lights will be added to the southeast corner of school once the weather is warm enough to paint it on the road. In the meantime the crossing will be patrolled.
6. An Assurance Framework is taking the place of the Accountability Pillar. This changes how we look at data and how we put it to use. One area we did not score the best on is that parents believe their children are not getting what they need academically from school. There was not a lot of data as only 17 parents responded.
7. The new Black Foot school logo was shared.

5. Business Arising

- a. The Turkey Supper will not likely happen. Things are being discussed about doing something at the end of the year, but everything is still up in the air until we know more about what restrictions will be in place.
- b. Right now the staff is working on ideas right now to give the students an extra experience that they haven't had before, trying to add activities to the school to make it more memorable. Field trips are doable but the problem is that cohorts cannot mix, which will make costs go up. For example with the ski trip, if students want to go inside chalet or use bathroom they have to be vaccinated, which can cause logistical problems. The Ski Trip Committee is trying to find a way to make it happen. It's not cancelled for sure, but we don't want to get student's hopes up. The goal is to give the students experiences and keep things safe. The staff is open to ideas for student experiences.
- c. The next meeting will be online.

6. New business:

- a. It is often difficult to find time for teachers to keep up their first aid training. One of the new education assistants is a qualified first aid instructor so a plan is underway to get the entire staff trained over a weekend. It would give parents peace of mind to know all the teacher will be trained in first aid.

7. Bouquets

- a. Spencer at the town of Coaldale - he was so proficient at getting the cross walk done
- b. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad - the band concert was so well done. Special thanks for them to joining the grade 8 band. It was wonderful!
- c. Baker Staff - they worked especially hard getting things ready and adapting to kids being at home and in school. It's very challenging and all the staff are keeping everyone safe and keep them learning.
- d. Mrs. Pilling - she has taken on the role of librarian and Learning Commons Facilitator. She is making the library more hands on and doing community work. She also is working with the canteen and doing the year book. She has really stepped up and done a lot at the school.
- e. Meagan Peacock - doing a great job of as the Learning Support Teacher.
- f. Mr. Toth – he digitized our new school logo for free for us.

8. Next Meetings:

- a. Tuesday, March 8, 2022
- b. May 10, 2022

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn – 7:34 pm

**RIBMS P/C Meeting
January 11, 2022
Rutledge Trustee Report**

On behalf of the Palliser Board and Central Administration, we wish all of you our best wishes for a positive outlook in 2022. We truly appreciate your resilience and willingness to walk alongside us as we work towards solutions.

On Jan. 02, 2022 the province extended the winter break for all students until Jan. 10.

On Wednesday January 05, 2022 , an announcement was made by Minister of Education LaGrange, K-12 students will return to in-person learning on Monday January 10, 2022 with measures in place to continue learning safely with access to rapid tests and medical grade masks.

1. Work continues to keep Palliser Schools safe, efficient, organized, clean and comfortable. Palliser school custodians are thanked for daily cleaning in our schools.
2. Michael Willems, a teacher in the Palliser division, has received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.
3. **Palliser's Transportation Services** is provided by a board owned fleet of 79 buses. For the last 8 years, Palliser has purchased buses and it's suggested we continue. The buses are equipped with up to date GPS with software able to monitor engine problems, fuel consumption, driving habits and locate a bus anywhere in the division. We now have 69 camera systems installed on the buses, as well as 3 PSA systems on the highest flyby routes. There has been a 60% decrease in flybys so far.
We have eliminated transporting preschool students due to routes having load factors nearing capacity.
*The Transportation Office handles issues reported to them in respect to ride times, or behavior issues. We encourage anyone with a concern to contact the Transportation Office.
4. The **OH&S report** indicates that slips and falls are no. 1 reported accidents. Care has been taken at each school to map out areas where contractors could and could not pile snow to eliminate ice patches.
Coaldale and Vulcan Fire Dept. did annual fire inspections of our Coaldale Schools, Champion, Milo Arrowwood and Vulcan Schools. The reports were good with the exception of fire load in some classrooms. This is also part of our requirements for insurance purposes.
5. **Tom Hamer** appointed **Deputy Superintendent** for the remainder of 2021-22 school year.

Next scheduled Board Meeting is February 08, 2022.

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Palliser School Division Transportation: Palliser operates 58 daily routes to our division's schools, transporting 1850 students per day and traveling over 1.9 million kilometers per year. The department's bus drivers are a major reason for the continued excellent service we are able to provide our students within the division. All regular route drivers have completed "S" endorsement training and must keep their first aid training up to date. All of the buses used for routes and as spares have GPS and tablets with software that tracks not only the bus but also handles the electronic log books, daily inspection and fuel tracking. We would like to thank all our bus drivers for making sure our students get to and from school safely on a daily basis.

Palliser Board of Trustees and the ATA Local 19: Twice a year the Board and the executive of the ATA Local 19 meet to discuss matters of mutual interest. The committee met before the break and discussed the terms of reference for the committee, PD days, their positions on the new K-6 curriculum and funding for programs for our youngest learners. Working together will make our division stronger and a great place for our students and our staff.

Policy Update: Policies govern the way that the Division operates. The Board is committed to reviewing all the policies on an annual basis. This month the Board is looking at Policy 9 - Board Operations and welcomes any feedback from its stakeholders. <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review> Deputy Superintendent

Appointment: Tom Hamer will continue as the Deputy Superintendent for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. He is responsible and accountable to the Superintendent and will assume all responsibilities of the Superintendent in the Superintendent's absence.

The next regular board meeting will be held on February 8/2022.