

**RI Baker School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 17th @ 6:30pm**  
**Location - RIBMS Staff Room**

1. Call To Order at 6:33pm
  - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance - Carley Campbell, Amy Morice, Brent Ginther, Brett Clifton, Debbie Latusus, Tanya Conrad, Julie Overweg, regrets Jason Prebushewski, Tammy Bolstad
2. Approval Of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve as presented - Carley Campbell
  - b. 2nd by - Tanya Conrad
3. Approval Of November 15th, 2022 Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve as presented - Carley Campbell
  - b. 2nd by - Amy Morice
4. Reports
  - a. Trustee - see attached #1
  - b. Chair - see attached #2
  - c. Principal - see attached #3
5. Business Arising
6. New Business
  - a. 2022/2023 ASCE Grant
7. Bouquets
  - a. Natasha Richards for the Turkey supper - it ran like clockwork
8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21st, 2023
9. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn - 6:47pm

## **Trustee's Report - Attached #1**

RI Baker January 2023 - Trustee Report

Board highlights from December and January Board Meetings

Facility Services works to ensure a safe, clean, and comfortable environment where students and staff can achieve to their full potential. Several projects have been completed, including the installation of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), security cameras, upgrades to boiler systems and concrete work to improve safety.

The construction of the new Coaldale School is on schedule and notable progress has been made to the exterior. The interior walls are being erected , with electrical and mechanical rough-ins in progress. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.

There is a renewed interest in the International Student Program since the pandemic. Palliser has entered into a shared agreement with Prairie Rose School Division (Medicine Hat) and Black Gold School Division (Edmonton area) to provide more opportunities for international students applying from several European, Asian and South American countries. A part-time homestay coordinator and an activity coordinator have been hired for the ever growing program. Palliser currently has 12 schools hosting 144 students from 13 countries.

The Palliser Student Transportation Department operates and maintains a safe, economical and efficient system in accordance with provincial acts and regulations, Board policies, and Division administrative procedures. Palliser owns a fleet of 81 buses and operates 56 routes transporting 1,800 students daily and travelling over 1.9 million kilometers annually. Excellent service is provided by professional drivers, who complete "S" endorsement training and maintain first aid training, licensing, and re-training requirements. The department operates two repair facilities, one in Lethbridge and one in Vulcan, staffed by four full-time mechanics.

Palliser School Division is committed to providing students with safe and caring learning environments and is committed to the health and safety of all students and staff. Safety is a foundational requirement to ensure students can learn. Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Facilities collaborate to ensure compliance with safety requirements and codes and perform site inspections regularly. The division uses Public School Works for safety training and all

division employees complete mandatory safety modules each year. School authority planning and results reporting is a continuous improvement cycle. School authorities develop education plans that identify priorities, outcomes, measures, and strategies to improve in key areas.

The Annual Education Results Report (AERR) provides the results achieved from implementing the plan. In 2021-2022 Palliser AERR, the three Palliser goals of wellness, numeracy, and literacy are presented within the five assurance domains of Student Growth and Achievement, Teaching and Leading, Learning Supports, Governance, and Local and Societal Context. The Board of Trustees has approved the AERR and the report is available on the district website.

## **Chairperson's Report - Attached #2**

### **Chairperson Report - January 17th, 2023**

#### **Public Education Forum**

Message from Mr. Ginther (RIBMS ATA Rep):

There is a Public Education Forum being held in Lethbridge on January 19th at the Enmax Centre. It takes place from 5:30pm to 6:30 pm and they said that parking would be free. It is believed that this was meant as more of a public event rather than for just teachers and any attendance would be welcome.

#### **Council of Councils**

I attended a Council of Councils meeting on Thursday, November 15th at Palliser Head Office. There were members of school administration, Palliser Board trustees, Palliser senior administration and other school council board members in 3 locations (Lethbridge, Vulcan and Calgary). These meetings are an opportunity for schools across Palliser to collaborate and learn from each other.

At this meeting we got to share one success of our council so far this year (getting the crosswalk installed) and members of Palliser senior administration gave presentations about the Division. This included presentations from Erica Publow who is the Clinician Team Leader about the FSLC (Family School Liaison Counsellor) programs available to Palliser students, Shane Cranston (Director of Inclusive Learning) about the inclusive education goals Palliser is working towards, Jackie Kark (Area Director ~ Lethbridge) and Dave Driscoll (Superintendent) about Pallisers division goals as well as a curriculum and assessment update, and Dexter Dufey (Secretary-Treasurer) about the Palliser budget, enrolment and insurance information.

The next meeting will be this Thursday, January 19th where we will get to share a success (any input is welcome) and plans for the ASCE Grant for 2022-2023.

### **Principal's Report - Attached #3**

1. Christmas concert was a huge success. Every seat at RIBMS was packed. Students were respectful and showcased their talents. Big thank you to Travis Conrad and Sandra Holland.
2. Turkey Dinner - We held our annual turkey dinner in December. A huge thank you to Natasha Richards as well as Jen VR and the ladies in the office for organizing everything to make this day special for the kids. It was a shame that buses were not running so our attendance was down, however many families who may not otherwise have a Turkey meal got quite the care packages.
3. Ski trip - January 26 is at castle mountain. Leave at 6:30 and return around the same time. Students receive a lesson to start the day and from there (depending on their skill level) they will have permission to ski on appropriate runs on the mountain. We look forward to a great day on the hill.
4. Staffing. We had Mrs Smart and Mrs Kabi (Van Hell) return after having babies and we are excited to have them back. With these staff returning, that means Mrs. Rice and Mr. Brzezinski have left Baker. We wish them continued success. Some other news is Sandra Holland is retiring in February and we are interviewing for her position this week. We are sad to see her go. Sandra has been a part of the Baker team since the doors opened in the new RIBMS. These will be big shoes to fill!