

RI Baker School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 16th @ 6:30 pm
Location - RIBMS Staff Room

1. Call To Order @ 6:31pm
 - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance - Carley Campbell, Amy Morice, Jason Prebushewski, Brett Clifton, Maegan Peacock, Debbie Laternus, Sharron Rutledge, Amy Kerr, Jessica Hoffman, Nikki Arnott, Tanya Conrad, Janelle Fyfe, Jeff Fyfe
2. Approval Of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve as presented - Carley Campbell
 - b. 2nd by - Tanya Conrad
3. Approval Of March 21st, 2023 Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve as presented - Carley Campbell
 - b. 2nd by - Nikki Arnott
4. Reports
 - a. Trustee - see attached #1
 - b. Chair - see attached #2
 - c. Principal - see attached #3
5. Business Arising
 - a. 22/23 ASCE Grant - \$500 grant to be combined with KAHS for speaker
6. New Business
 - a. Grade 6 Parent Concerns - concerns that exploratories were being taken away from grade 6 students, moving from 4 periods to 2. However, the proposed plan will help address the learning loss in the school and gr. 6 students will have the same schedule as they did in gr. 5, with no options being removed.
7. Bouquets
 - parents from coming out to support students and staff
 - teacher appreciation
 - Ms. Huscroft and student leadership committee for organizing school dances and dress up days
 - Ms. Vegter for being a great teacher and coworker. She made work fun and was always someone who you could lean on and trust.
 - Track and field day at the U of L
 - Dessert Concert
 - Janet Ainscough for going out to cheer on and support students at their club basketball games
 - staff for planning amazing year end trips for the students

-thank you for the complimentary tickets for the school trustees to attend the Dessert Concert

8. Next Meeting - 2023/2024 AGM: Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 6:30pm
 - a. Regular meeting to follow
9. Adjournment @ 8:01pm

Report #1

Trustee Report - Debbie Latusus and Sharron Rutledge

Board Highlights from April 18 and May 09, 2023

The Terry Fox Foundation sent a letter of thanks to the Palliser School Division for their continued support of raising over \$13,000 in eighteen Palliser schools for the 2022 Terry Fox Run. The Board was thanked for its leadership and looks forward to continuing Terry's Marathon Hope in the fall of 2023.

Positive mental health is a critical component of academic success. The Alberta Govt. has provided Palliser with a grant of \$673,470 over two years to assist with mental health supports and resources for families in the division. With the assistance of a Wellness Navigator, a team of Family School Counsellors, Making Connections Workers and partnerships with Alberta Health Services and other agencies, needs are identified with resources and support made available to families in need.

Dr. Adam Browning, Director of Learning, presented the Annual Report on Literacy and Numeracy. Palliser has developed an assurance framework for literacy (2022-23) and is working to establish a numeracy model in 2023-24, that support schools with assessments and interventions. Palliser students from Grades 1-4 have demonstrated significant growth in early reading skills.

On May 4, 2023 , teachers and administrators participated in a division wide literacy and numeracy symposia with presentations from leading experts in the field. The English Language Learners Annual report was presented. Palliser has 3,525 ELL students, an increase of 220 students from 2021-22. Most of the students are in the Calgary area, LGM and colony schools. There are 10.9 FTE teaching staff with 14,155 support staff hours allocated for support of students.

We have started to implement "Sheltered Instruction" that integrates language and content instruction. Students from Milo Community School presented highlights from their recent Marine Biology Sailing Trip to Vancouver. The 12 students and 3 parents sailed around the coast with opportunities to hike, swim, sail, as well as having close encounters with marine life. Students, staff and the Milo community worked together fundraising for 3 years to support this trip.

The Board reviewed the Assurance Framework. The Division looks forward to sharing when the report is finalized and shared publicly on May 30.

The Naming Committee for the new Coaldale school is comprised of 2 Coaldale trustees, principals, P/C chairs and a representative from Coaldale Town Council. The committee will meet on May 30 to review submitted names and make recommendations. Palliser School Division will announce the name of the new school in the fall of 2023.

Report #2
Chairperson's report - Carley Campbell

Since our last meeting, there was a council of school council meeting on May 4th. Simon Sorenson and Joanne Wolochaty gave separate presentations on the responsible use of technology and technology and student wellness. There was some great information shared about the technology that is available to children these days and how it is getting harder to keep children away from it. Instead, Simon talked about the ways to monitor your children on different platforms as well as instilled some AI fear with the new chat GPT technology being created.

Being part of these meetings had me feeling as though I may be falling short as the parent council chairperson, so after a quick discussion with Jason, we decided to appreciate the teachers on May 10th with an after school get together. A special thank you to Baker for funding our appreciation.

Thank you to everyone who has attended our council meetings this year. I really feel it is a great source of information to keep families informed of what is happening around RI Baker.

Report #3
Principal's Report - Jason Prebushewski

-353 projected enrollment

-1 or 2 less EA's next year

-Grade 6 PAT's start tomorrow

-Grade 9 orientation at KAHS Thurs. May 18th

-Ms. Vegter will be retiring - we'll be sad to see her go!

-lots of things happening in June:

5- Gr. 6 Field Trip to Waterton

7- Gr. 7 Field Trip to Frank Slide

8- Athletic Awards @ 1:00pm

12- New Student Orientation @ 6:30pm

14- Gr. 5 Field Trip to Park Lake, Band Concert @ 7:00pm

20- Gr. 5 Field Trip to Writing on Stone, exams start

23- Summer Splash

26- Gr. 5-7 Raymond Pool, Gr. 8 Calaway Park

27- Farewells

28- PD day for staff, no students

-Baker will look different with the new grade configuration of gr.4-6 in 2024 - moving towards the school changing.

-Gr. 5 students will not be changing rooms, and homeroom teachers will be teaching all core subjects. Exploratories two times a week.

-Gr. 6 students will be switching classrooms and using a Dyad (2 teachers - one teaches math/science and one teaches LA/social). Exploratories will move from 4 periods a week to 2 periods a week to help address the learning loss in the school.