

RI Baker School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 11, 2023 Following AGM
Location RIBMS Staff Room

1. Call to Order at 6:47 pm
 - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – Jason Prebushewski, Brett Clifton, Maegan Peacock, Sharon Rutledge, Carley Campbell, Amy Morice, Tammy Bolstad, Suzi Neufeld, Nikki Arnott, April Chudobiak, Nora Chomistek, Jessica Hoffman

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

3. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2022
 - a. Motion to approve as distributed – Tammy
 - b. 2nd by – Jessica Hoffman

4. Reports
 - a. Trustee Reports
 - i) Sharon Rutledge (see attached)

 - b. Chairperson Report – None

 - c. Principals' Reports
 - i) Jason Prebushewski
 1. Projected enrollment was 353 and our actual enrollment is 351
 2. New teachers - Matthew Kim, Lisa Rosentreter, Sarah Huscroft, Caroline Reimer (intern in the gym)
 3. We have two new exchange students from Spain and Mexico.
 4. Volleyball teams are well underway.
 5. Turkey Dinner is a go! Cross country is just starting and will be coached by Mrs. Pilling, Mr. Ginther and Mr. Prebs
 6. Band clinic is taking place tonight.
 7. Meet the teach is on Wednesday, September 13, 6:45pm
 8. Walk-A-Thon is coming up October 6, 2023. We will be asking for volunteers.

 - ii) Brett Clifton
 1. PAT results. Baker did really well! Our results beat the provincial averages across all subject areas.

5. Business Arising:
 - a. As per the last meeting, there have been further discussions had around option classes. There will be 3 options. Public speaking will be offered in grade 6.

6. New business:

- a. The playground might need to be considered when planning for the changes next year in the grade configuration at RIBMS. It would be a good idea to look into what grants might be available for changes.

7. Bouquets of Appreciation

- a. Everyone did a wonder job helping to make the Smugglers game a success.
- b. Josh Martens for dealing with all the tech issues and making sure everything runs smoothly.
- c. Mr. Ross and Mrs. Wall the caretakers that have the school looking great.
- d. Palliser Maintenance Department for all their hard work.
- e. The outgoing executive for their time and energy given.
- f. The grade 5 teaching team has done a great job of making the new students feel welcome.

8. Next Meeting:

- a. November 21, 2023 6:30pm
- b. 2023-2024 meeting dates:
January 16
March 19
May 21

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn – 7:18 pm

R.I.B. Middle School Parent Council Meeting
Trustee Report
September 11, 2022

Welcome to 2023-2024 School Year

First Board Meeting was held on August 22, 2023. Trustee Lorelei Bexte will remain Chair for the upcoming school year, Trustee Tony Montina Vice-Chair and Trustee Debbie Laturnus will keep the role of Alternate Vice-Chair.

All Board Meetings for the coming year will be held on the second Tuesday of each month except for the third Tuesday in January 2024.

Opening Day was held on August 31, 2023 to kick off the new school year. All Palliser staff were connected virtually with greetings from Central Administration and the keynote speaker Kevin Lamoureux on the topic of “Seizing the Magical Opportunity of School as a Place of Healing” His message was to emphasize students need to be cared for and many come with survival techniques due to past traumatic experiences but not label them as mental illness.

The Board recently approved locally developed courses that offer opportunities for students to expand upon provincial programs of study. All developed courses (elementary, junior high and high school) require school authority approval. The Board has authorized the use of over 125 courses. The most recently approved course is Neuropsychology.

The Alberta School Boards Association has been consulting with Alberta boards regarding full-day, full week, fully-funded kindergarten. The Board is carefully reviewing this program in consultation with education partners, parents and caregivers in the community. Space, employee talent and educational benefits would make full-day kindergarten beneficial. However, additional funding would be required to make this a reality. A change of this magnitude would likely take place over a long period of time.