

## **November Parent Council Meeting RIBMS**

- **Meeting called to order** at 6:32pm
- **Quick introduction of attendees**
- **Approval of minutes of current meeting**
- **Trustee report Sharon Rutledge**

Palliser School Division celebrated the opening of Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary (CPWS) on Oct 04, 2024. In attendance were dignitaries from the Govt. of Alberta, Town of Coaldale, Lethbridge County, Palliser Division, Elder Blanche Bruised Head, and CPWS staff and students. Tyler McNeil, a CPWS student, took on the role of MC while the high school band entertained the crowd. As well, Jehrran First Charger performed a very special dance with 5 hoops. Superintendent Dave Driscoll emphasized the importance of community and culture building within the school. Staff and students need to develop the culture that makes CPWS a great school that everybody wants to come to. Minister Nathan Neudorf presented the official plaque to Palliser Board Chair Lorelei Bexte marking the school's formal opening. To further celebrate the occasion, CPWS instructor Chef Clemis and her students prepared a catered lunch, showcasing the school's commitment to student involvement and practical learning.

The Palliser School Division is pleased that Alberta Education has extended the Mental Wellness Grant for an additional six months. The grant has enabled Palliser to partner with community organizations offering specialized support to students and families as well as providing valuable training for our staff. Joanne Wolochaty is Palliser's Division Wellness Navigator, providing programming and resources with focus on social learning and skill building. She has developed "Daily Physical Activity Kits" for all schools that includes tools and instructions for quick movement breaks helping students to regulate their emotions and improve focus learning. Wellness Action Plans will be developed for each school in the coming weeks. The Wellness Teams will develop strategies for supporting student wellness. Parents, guardians and school community members are encouraged to provide feedback on these plans.

- **Trustee report Debbie Laturus**

Tom presented Palliser's 2023-2024 Annual Education Results Report. It was a draft as Palliser's financial statements will not be finalized until the end of November. At that time, the AERR will be made public. Overall, the results of the AERR show that Palliser students are above provincial averages.

The Board of Trustees have created an Engagement Committee that will inform, consult and collaborate with our communities. The board is committed to fostering strong relationships with all community members. The Engagement Committee will host three community engagement evenings, inviting our school communities to explore their vision for our schools and the division. The committee aims to consult and involve stakeholders by actively seeking their feedback and integrating it into our decision making process. The dates for the evenings will be shared once the committee meets to discuss possible dates.

Tom Hamer was appointed as Deputy Superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year. The audit committee will be meeting November 25 with the auditors and the following day, will meet with the board as a whole to present the final audit report to be approved and sent to the government.

- **Chair report-** no report

- **Principals report-**

Walkathon update- earned 51,275\$- Grade level disbursements are 30% of amount raised (15,382\$)

- Grade 4- 5820\$
- Grade 5- 4826\$
- Grade 6- 4736\$

- AERR results survey for parent data explanation (only 7 people filled out survey)

- **Vice Principal report-** Two new educational assistants hired. One will be placed in 4C and another in 6T.

- **New business-** none

- **Bouquets:** Suzie Neufeld helps all the time, the parent you can count on (Jason), Walkathon committee (Suzi), Glenna for counting the money (Brett),

- **Next meeting** Jan 14th

- **Adjourned** 7:06pm