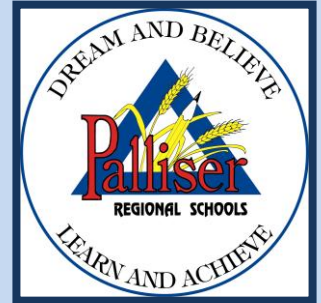


From the Chair ...

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting held Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009



- The board extended its appreciation to representatives of the Town of Vulcan and the County of Vulcan regarding their support of a daycare program in Vulcan. The daycare will be operated in three modular units provided by Palliser Regional Schools on the southside of County Central High School with services provided by the Vulcan Daycare Society.
- Although finalization of the 2009-2010 budget was on the agenda, the board deferred final approval of the document due to indications there would be changes coming from Alberta Education that will affect the budget figures.
- Enrolment at the new Low German Mennonite alternative program opening this fall at John Davidson School in Coaldale now stands at more than 80, higher than the board and administration had initially anticipated.
- Barbara Gammon, associate superintendent of learning services, reported on overwhelmingly positive results of a survey of parents whose children are involved in Palliser's early literacy program. Of 67 surveys completed, 60 (89.5 per cent) said their child had experienced "excellent" or "very good" improvement as a result of one-to-one, early intervention.
- Hal Urban, author of "Life's Greatest Lessons: 20 Things That Matter" and "The 10 Commandments of Common Sense: Wisdom from the Scriptures for People of All Beliefs," will be the keynote speaker as Palliser Regional Schools brings all staff together for a school opening celebration Friday, Aug. 28 at the Vulcan Community Recreation Centre. Urban was a teacher in California for 36 years and has received numerous teaching awards including being named the Character Centre's National Educator of the Year (1999) and the Sanford N. McDonnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Character Education in 2005.



Don Zech, Board Chair
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