

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: APRIL 27, 2021



Alberta Education Draft Curriculum Discussion

The Palliser School Division Board of Trustees has taken the opportunity and time to listen to its teachers, parents and senior administration. Since the Draft K-6 Curriculum was released on March 29, 2021, Palliser School Division has sought feedback from teachers and administration, listened to concerned parents and attended information sessions on the proposed pilot projects. The information that was gained from all these sources has led to the Board's decision not to pilot the Draft K-6 Curriculum. The Board does not feel it would be in the best interest of the Palliser School Division, its students, its staff or the community to be involved in such a major pilot project at this time. COVID-19 has placed a tremendous challenge on the staff and students in the division and the community. The Board's priority is, and will continue to be, creating and maintaining safe and healthy learning environments for students and staff. Preparing to return to school next September will already be a challenging and complex task without a pilot project involved. Creating a positive, safe environment for students to return to in-person learning next September will be the Board's focus.

Three Year Capital Plan

The Three Year Capital Plan and the Ten Year Planning Priorities (2021-2031) were approved by the Board for submission to Alberta Education. Coalhurst High School, County Central High School, and Sunnyside School are the top three schools identified by the Board and Administration as needing a face-lift. Alberta Education approved the building of a new school in Coaldale and that construction will begin soon.

Policy Update

Policy development and review is a governance responsibility of the Palliser School Division. An effective policy development and review process assists the Board in governing the school division effectively. Over this school year, the trustees will have reviewed each of the policies. The Board is committed to reviewing the policies on an annual basis and invites the community to provide input.

<https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/about-us/policies>

The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is May 25, 2021

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