



**PALLISER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES - BT20210824**

DATE: August 24, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

Trustees in Attendance: Robert Strauss, Board Chair
Lorelei Bexte, Board Vice-Chair
Kristine Cassie, Trustee
Debbie Laturnus, Trustee
Sharon Rutledge, Trustee

Staff in Attendance: Dave Driscoll, Superintendent
Tom Hamer, Deputy Superintendent
Audrey Kluin, Associate Superintendent
Dexter Durfey, Secretary-Treasurer

Recording: [Noorin Chatur-Muhammad](#)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Strauss called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # BT20210824-01

Moved by: Lorelei Bexte

That the agenda for the August 24, 2021 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3. MOVE TO IN-CAMERA

Resolution # BT20210824-02

Moved by: Debbie Laturnus

That the meeting move In-Camera, at 9:00 a.m., pursuant to Section S64(3) of the Education Act, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter S-3 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to identified In-Camera Items.

CARRIED.

Resolution # BT20210824-03

Moved by: Lorelei Bexte

That the meeting move out of in-camera at 10:20 a.m.

CARRIED.

4. MOTIONS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

There were no motions arising from In-Camera.

5. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # BT20210824-04

Moved by: Sharon Rutledge

That the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no presentations for the Citizen's Forum.

7. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. *SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Attached to the agenda was the Superintendent's monthly activities report.

2. *SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Attached as information is the Secretary Treasurer's monthly activities report.

3. *ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT, HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Attached to the agenda was the Associate Superintendent's monthly activities report.

4. *DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT, LEARNING SERVICES REPORT

Attached to the agenda was the Deputy Superintendent's monthly activities report.

5. *TRUSTEE REPORTS

Attached to the agenda were the Trustees' monthly activities reports.

6. *SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REPORT

Due to COVID-19 all international or out-of-province school trips have been postponed at this time.

9. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Opening Day

Opening Day celebrations will be held virtually on August 30, 2021. Staff will be encouraged to gather at their specific schools and partake in the day's activities, which will include keynote speaker Anthony McLean, presentation of Wall of Fame medals and 6 breakout sessions. Topics covered include: numeracy, literacy, wellness, anti-racism, assessments and indigenous foundational learning. An agenda will be forthcoming as well as a brochure once details are finalized.

2. COVID-19 update, Return to school plan

The Division has distributed re-entry plans to school administration. Our re-entry plans give individual schools latitude in deciding what parameters they put forward for their parents and students. Of primary concern is masking. Masking will not be necessary in areas where schools have reduced crowding. Schools are recommended to create cohorts of students during indoor student learning and indoor extra-curricular activities, where possible, particularly for students who are unable to be vaccinated (Kindergarten to Grade 6). Cohorts may include more than one class but should be limited to students of the same grade.

Cohorting may also be eased in outdoor settings.

It is a provincial mandate that anyone riding school busses be masked. The intent is that students will have their own masks; however the School District will provide disposable masks for those students who may not have one available.

The division will release our re-entry plans by email as well as updating our website and social media channels following this meeting. Individual schools will be facilitating individual re-entry plans to parents and students later this week.

Resolution # BT20210824-05

Moved by: Sharon Rutledge

That the COVID-19 update be received as information.

CARRIED.

3. Field Trips

Motion BT20200317-06 was made at the outset of COVID-19 indicating that all international and field trips be postponed. Since then, some schools within the district have indicated that they would like their students to partake in international trips. As well, the government of Canada has indicated that field trips are permissible in the City and within Canada. Due to this, it is recommended that Motion BT20200317-06 be reconsidered.

Resolution # BT20210824-06

Moved by: Sharon Rutledge

To resend Motion BT20200317-06

CARRIED.

Resolution # BT20210824-07

Moved by: Sharon Rutledge

That the Board of Trustees approve, given the determination that there is an increased risk of harm due to the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic and the current Government of Canada travel advisories that all international trips sponsored or undertaken by any school entity under the Palliser School Division and for students and staff shall be cancelled or postponed until further notice.

CARRIED

4. Community use of schools

At the start of COVID-19, community use of schools was suspended as per government direction that schools were to be limited as to the people allowed in the building.

Resolution # BT20210824-08

Moved by: Lorelei Baxte

To accept the community use of schools update as information. **CARRIED.**

5. Curriculum update

Alberta Education previously announced a new curriculum for students in grades kindergarten through Grade 6. There have also been discussions on a new curriculum for students in Grades 7 to 12.

Adam Browning has been leading Kindergarten through Grade 6 discussion, and schedules are being formulated for the fall.

Resolution # BT20210824-09

Moved by: Debbie Laturus

That the curriculum update be received as information. **CARRIED.**

6. Coaldale Project Update

The new school project is moving along in Coaldale. Ward Brothers has been selected as the contractor for the project. The Government has approved the project to be done by the Palliser School Division. Piles and foundations have been tendered to take advantage of the fall weather.

A temporary road will be added to the site later next week so that everything can be staged and equipment can be delivered.

In October, 2021, the steel will be tendered, as it is very hard to order/obtain. At the end of October 2021, the rest of the sub trades will be tendered.

Grant Hunter, MLA and Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education should be recognized as instrumental in moving this project forward

7. Modular addition - Huntsville School

Preparatory work is currently being done for a modular to be added to Huntsville School.

The new school was designed as a core school with the ability to add modulares, and due to space requirements, the school is now in need of a modular. One modular was placed during construction so there will now be two modulares attached to the school.

It was noted that this school has not had a formal opening of this school, and will require something formally down the road.

8. Introductions: Clinical team lead, technology supervisor, technology help desk

The following introductions were made to the Board of Trustees:

- Jason Kwasny, Principal for Palliser Beyond Borders and Outreach
- Tiana Schmaltz, Payroll Specialist
- Shari Rogerson, Coordinator of early learning and diversity

- Michaela Horak, Help desk, technology
- Jeff Qi, Technology supervisor
- Erika Publow (absent), Clinical Team Lead

10. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.