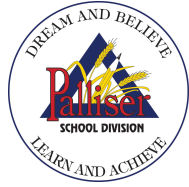


# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 26, 2021



## New Board take Oath of office

The new Palliser School Division Trustees were sworn into office at the October 26th Organizational Meeting. They also conducted their first order of business, elected Trustee Lorelei Bexte to serve as Board Chair, Trustee Debbie Laturus as Vice Chair and Trustee Tony Montina as Alternate Vice Chair. As Board Chair, Bexte will preside over all Board meetings, as well as work with the superintendent to set the agenda for Board meetings. Vice Chair Laturus will fill in when Bexte is not available. We congratulate the incoming Trustees on their new roles. We also thank the retiring Trustees for their years of dedicated service.

## International Report

The COVID-19 pandemic certainly had an impact on the International Student Program. With the uncertainty around ever-changing restrictions, Palliser suspended the 1-month programs with Colombia for the first semester. We also canceled our 1-week Japanese student program for 2021-2022. With the continued closure of Australia and Nova Scotia, we have seen an increase in the number of students wanting to come to Alberta. This has resulted in an overall increase in the number of full-year and 1-semester students for the 2021-2022 school year. Our approach has been to focus our work with the agencies we have long-standing relationships with and to cautiously enter into new agreements with agencies that already work with other Alberta School Divisions. All students that have entered Alberta are required to have a negative COVID test and be fully vaccinated prior to their departure from their home country.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

As Orange Shirt Day on September 30th coincided with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, events were planned across the division with the support of Palliser's Indigenous Education Team. Concepts around truth and reconciliation were focused on throughout the week of September 27th. Students engaged in a variety of school-wide activities to commemorate Truth and Reconciliation. We have supported staff with Truth and Reconciliation with ongoing professional learning opportunities to support foundational knowledge about Indigenous peoples and were recently joined by Dr. Dwayne Donald and Don AhnAhsisi McIntyre.

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