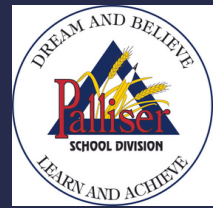


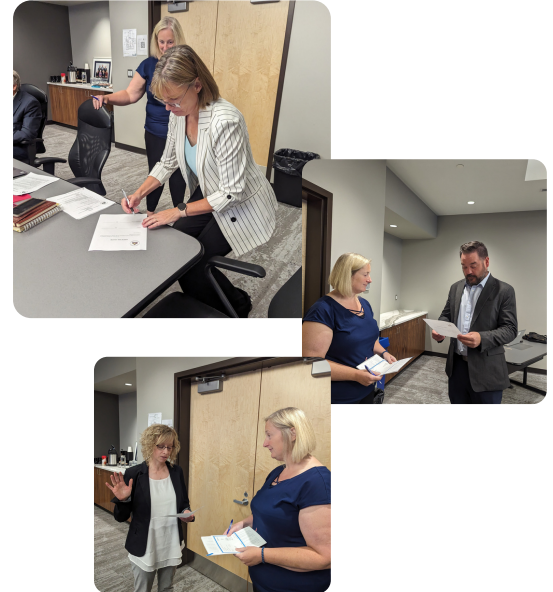
Board Meeting Highlights:

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: August 22, 2023



Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Alternate Vice Chair

Along with the monthly Board meeting, the Board of Trustees held their Organizational Meeting. Trustee Lorelei Bexte will remain as Chair for the upcoming school year. Trustee Tony Montana was acclaimed Vice-Chair and Trustee Debbie Laturnus will keep the role of Alternate Vice-Chair. Please see below for the schedule for the 2023/24 Palliser School Board regular meeting dates.



Opening Day

Superintendent Dave Driscoll provided information on Opening Day, August 31, 2023, which will see all employees of the division celebrate the first staff day of the 2023-2024 school year with a keynote address from Canadian educator, Kevin Lamoureux, on the topic of Seizing the Magical Opportunity of School as a Place of Healing.

Our Division is looking forward to kicking off an amazing year on this special day for our staff.

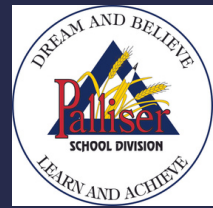
Locally Developed Courses

The Board recently approved some new locally developed courses (LDCs). School authorities can develop or acquire these courses to address particular student and/or community needs. These learning opportunities complement, extend, and/or expand upon provincial programs of study.

All locally developed courses (elementary, junior high, and high school) require school authority approval by resolution in order to offer these courses to students. The Palliser Board has authorized the use of over 125 courses. The most recently approved course is Neuropsychology.

Board Meeting Highlights:

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: August 22, 2023



The Board Considers ASBA Motion Regarding Kindergarten

The Alberta School Boards Zone 6 has been consulting with Boards in their zone regarding full-day, full-week, fully-funded kindergarten. The Zone is looking for feedback on a position statement they wish to put forward at the ASBA Fall general meeting to advocate for the Government to make this change.

The Palliser Board of Trustees has been carefully reviewing its beliefs regarding offering full-day kindergarten and has asked the division administration about the feasibility and impact of providing a full day of learning. The Board will also be consulting with educational partners, including parents and caregivers in our communities to understand their thoughts on the matter. An initial review suggests that space, employee talent, and educational benefits would make full day kindergarten both feasible and beneficial. However, a full day curriculum with rich learning activities and additional funding would be required to make this a reality.

The Board also acknowledges and respects the diverse group of communities that it serves, and would support parents' and caregivers' choice in sending their children to full day kindergarten. A change of this magnitude would likely take place over a long period of time, but at this juncture, the Board feels it is worth further investigation of full day kindergarten.

Regular Board Meeting Dates for 2023/24

The following dates will be established as regular meeting dates for the 2023-2024 term. All meetings will be held at the Palliser Education Centre, #101, 3305 - 18 Avenue North, Lethbridge, Alberta.

- Tuesday, September 12, 2023: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 28, 2023: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 12, 2023: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9, 2024: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 11, 2024: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CONTACT US

The Palliser School Division
Direct Line: (587) 486-0311
Phone: (403) 328-4111
or (1-877-667-1234 toll-free)

Fax: (403) 380-6890

www.pallisersd.ab.ca

Twitter: @PalliserSchools

Facebook: Palliser School Division

Instagram: @PalliserSchools