# **Board Meeting Highlights:**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: Feb 11, 2025



## **Bus Service Update**

New Alberta Government walk limits for transportation funding will impact up to 250 students in Coalhurst and Coaldale:

- 1.6 km for elementary students
- 2.0 km for secondary students

To ease the burden on families, the Board of Trustees is considering three potential solutions. <u>Learn more about the options here.</u>

If you would like to provide feedback, please email: <a href="mailto:lnquiries@pallisersd.ab.ca">lnquiries@pallisersd.ab.ca</a>

## **Information Technology Update**

### **Esports Expansion**

Esports continues to grow in popularity, offering regional tournaments and global competition opportunities. To ensure a structured, safe experience for students, the IT team has standardized:

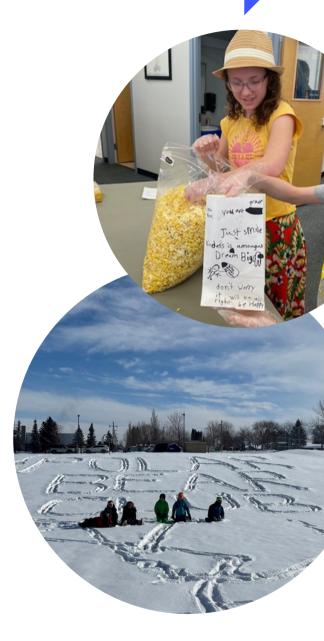
- Game Selection & Safety Approved, competition-friendly games; high-risk or violent titles excluded.
- Secure Accounts & Software Guidelines for managing accounts (Steam, Nintendo, etc.).

Additionally, Nintendo Switch consoles are being tested to help smaller schools participate.

Read more about our Esports program here.

## **Artificial Intelligence in Education**

Al presents both opportunities and challenges for education. The Board of Trustees and IT team will continue exploring its impact, ensuring responsible integration into our schools.



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## **Counselling Report**

Our counselling team includes both Family School Liaison Counsellors and Making Connections workers, who play a vital role in supporting our division's goal: 'All Palliser students will engage with the foundational elements of well-being, equipping them with the tools and confidence to lead healthy lives.'

### Here are some of the key accomplishments over the past year:

- The HEADSTRONG Mental Health Summit kept school teams engaged.
- Student-led initiatives thrived with \$10,200 in SOARING grants.
- Bell Let's Talk Day was implemented division-wide to support mental wellness.
- Division-wide test anxiety and breakfast programs helped students perform better during exams.

#### **Expanding Family & Student Support**

- New emotional support services were launched in two Colony Schools.
- Social-emotional programming is expanding, with four high schools requesting funding for regulation rooms.
- · Parenting courses are being piloted virtually.
- ADHD support groups for parents and children introduced.

#### **Looking Ahead: Priorities for Next Year**

- Enhancing High School Counselling Balancing crisis support, drop-in services, and ongoing student counselling.
- Expanding Trauma-Informed Classrooms Supporting educators in implementing effective strategies.
- Increasing Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Strengthening inter-school collaboration to bring SEL into all student development stages.



"Alice in Wonderland" production at Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary

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The next regular Board Meeting will be on Mar 11, 2025