

RI Baker School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Virtual

1. Call to Order at 6:31 pm
 - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – Jason Prebushewski, Brett Clifton, Deanna Smith, Sharon Rutledge, Debbie Laturus, Carley Campbell, Amy Morice, and Tammy Bolstad, Matthew Fredin

2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve as presented – Tammy Bolstad
 - b. 2nd by – Amy Morice

3. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2022
 - a. Motion to approve as distributed – Carley Campbell
 - b. 2nd by – Tammy Bolstad

4. Reports
 - a. Trustee Reports
 - i) Sharon Rutledge (See attached)
 - ii) Debbie Laturus (See attached)

 - b. Chairperson Report
 - i) Carley Campbell – Received \$500 ASCE School Council Grant
 - ii) Alberta school council association conference April 22 and 23, followed by the AGM on April 24. Schools Cultivation of Compassion is the theme this year.

 - c. Principal Report
 - i) Jason Prebushewski
 1. All COVID restrictions have been lifted for school. We do have about 15% of staff and students still wearing a mask, mostly when in crowded areas.
 2. We are reviewing some of the measures that were taken to manage COVID to see which ones may stay in place. They include the following:
 - a) Staggered Bell Times: This was done so hallways would not be so crowded but there are some drawbacks because of the noise in the hallways while some classes are still in class. Some pros are that it gives the Grade Fives 5 extra minutes to get out to the bus. Teachers seem mostly in favour. Today a meeting was held for feedback with teachers to see which way would be best.
 - b) Lunch Hour: Pre-COVID the entire school ate on the picnic tables in the foyer, but now the kids are eating in their home room. Teachers like having the kids in the room for extra connection

time with the students. This speaks highly of the teachers' dedication because they get almost zero alone time and they still would like to have the kids in their room over lunch.

- c) The canteen: Before COVID anybody could go on any day of the week, but now there is a day for each grade. Most teachers felt that from the health and wellness side people, they were happy to keep the restrictions. Students are now only getting to purchase junk food 1 day a week for a treat, not every day. Then kids look forward to their special day at the canteen.
 - d) Lining up at doors for each grade: We are going to continue with that policy. It keeps the students organized by class and teaches them routine and about taking turns and waiting. It's also less stressful and chaotic in the mornings.
3. Clubs are in full swing, including the writing, guitar clubs and choir.
 4. First assembly happened this week. Such great positive energy. Funny things like shaving cream on the teachers' heads and then have the students throw Cheezies at their heads. Lots of fun and laughter.
 5. Ski trip would be a lot of organizing so it likely will not be a go. Raymond pool or the YMCA might be possible options instead.
 6. We will be having a parent night with the guest speaker Ted Emit. He will be doing a presentation regarding Digital Citizenship. Kids have been on line a lot due to the pandemic so it's important to open up the conversation about internet content and how what our kids see and do online can affect them. He does this for all the WHL players for hockey Canada. It will be held March 31 doors in the school gym. Doors open at 7:15 with the presentation at 7:30.
 7. Open parachute started by doctor in BC. Focus on student bullying and mental health. They have agreed to give us a free trial for our last term. Some teachers will be leading it as an exploratory. There are 4 districts in BC using it, as well as all of Nova Scotia. We are hoping to get into the Prairie Provinces. Early next week the teachers that will be facilitating this program will get the kick off with the founder. More information will be shared as we learn more.
 8. Parent Teacher Interviews will be coming up on March 16 and 17

5. Business Arising:

- a. The next meeting will be held in person at the school in the staff room. Refreshments will be provided.

6. New business:

- a. \$500 ASCE School Council Grant Money. The grant must be specifically used for parent engagement. Discussion was had about ways to use the grant money. Carley put forward a motion to use the grant to pay for the speaker, Ted Emit. Tammy seconded. Motion was carried.

7. Bouquets

- a. Mr. Conrad – lighting a spark for the love of playing music.
- b. All the staff at Baker and the Club Leaders – students are excited to be involved.
Appreciate all the extra time put into making the students' lives better.
- c. Thank you to the parents who have stepped up to host exchange students.

8. Next Meetings:

- a. May 10, 2022

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn – 7:19 pm

RIBMS Parent Council Meeting

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Trustee S. Rutledge Report

- 1) The Board sent the 2022-2023 draft calendar to stakeholders for review. After much discussion, the Board approved the calendar for the upcoming year. Schools will post their individual school calendars to their websites as soon as they are approved by administration.
- 2) The Palliser School Division Technology Services Department is focusing on providing students and staff with the tools needed to ensure high-quality learning environments. Palliser students have access to approximately 6,800 Chromebooks which is better than one to two students. Every teacher and instructor has a Chromebook. Palliser student records have been uploaded into the Provincial Access to Student Information (PAS) database. All staff records and business records are being digitized and stored.
- 3) Last August 2021, the govt. announced providing \$1 million to help School Councils improve and strengthen engagement with parents. Under section 55 of the Education Act, roughly 2,000 public, separate, Francophone and charter schools are required to have a School Council. The government, naming it the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant, is providing \$500 to each P/C group for the 2021-2022 school year. Uses for the money include workshops and information sessions for parents on various topics, parent resources, and programs to support families with English and Indigenous learners, just to name a few.
- 4) Work continues on the new school and recreation centre in Coaldale, with piles and foundations done, steel scheduled to arrive in March, updated pictures will be on social media, and extra funding of about \$5 million dollars (due to high prices of materials) was approved by the government.

Next scheduled meeting of the Board is March 1, 2022.

March 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

Satisfaction with Education in Alberta Surveys

Between February 25 and May 2022, Advanis Inc. has been contracted to conduct the annual satisfaction telephone/online surveys for the Ministry of Education to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers, principals, school board trustees, and employers of recent high school graduates. There are several purposes of the surveys including determining satisfaction with the overall quality of the education system, the education system meeting the needs of students, schools providing a safe, caring and inclusive environment for students and preparation of students for lifelong learning, employment and active citizenship.

National Sport School Olympic Athletes

Student athlete Ale Loutitt, a grade 12 student at the National Sports School in Calgary, made Canada and the district proud with her Bronze medal performance in the Mixed Team Ski Jumping event at the the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics in February. As well, 22 former National Sport School students were also participants in these Winter Olympics.

Family School Liaison Counselling Program

In 2021, the Palliser School Division Family School Liaison Counselling Program team increased from nine to 18 members consisting of full-time and part-time counsellors, externally funded counsellors and practicum students. Increased support at each school has provided more consistent and meaningful mental health and wellness support to students and families including connections to community mental health/crisis resources and connections to the Making Connections Workers, providing a holistic approach to support. Moving forward, there will be continued emphasis on providing adequate staffing to meet the growing needs of staff and students along with continued emphasis on supporting Palliser Administration and educational staff to implement a trauma-informed approach in the classroom.

Human Resource Services Accountability Report

Human Resource Services completed approximately 6200 tasks from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 including coordinating the allocation of approximately 554 FTE teachers, 465 FTE non-certified staff and allocation of support staff hours to schools for the 2021-22 school year. Human Resource Services plays a key role in bargaining with the Alberta Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 290. Human Resource Services will be losing two key team members at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year due to retirement. The team is dedicated to ensuring The Palliser School Division is able to provide an exceptional learning experience for all students, by making certain we have outstanding staff throughout the division and supporting them so they can serve our students.

The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is Tuesday, April 12, 2022.