

RI Baker School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 6:40pm

Location RIBMS Staff Room

1. Call to Order at 6:41 pm
 - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – Jason Prebushewski, Brett Clifton, Maegan Peacock, Sharon Rutledge, Debbie Laternus, Carley Campbell, Amy Morice, Tammy Bolstad, April Chudobiak, Ashley Leeming, Joshua Smith, Brock Hamilton, Jade Barron, and Tanya Conrad

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

3. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2021
 - a. Motion to approve as distributed – Tammy Bolstad
 - b. 2nd by – Carley Campbell

4. Reports
 - a. Trustee Reports
 - i) Sharon Rutledge (see attached)

 - b. Chairperson Report (see attached – same report as AGM)

 - c. Principal Report
 - i) Jason Prebushewski
 1. We welcome everyone to the meeting and hope that we build a group that can brainstorm, advise, and provide valuable feedback for school improvement.
 2. Enrollment is 354 students, down 2 students from last year. Three Grade 5 classes, three Grade 6 classes , four Grade 7 classes , and four Grade 8 classes
 3. We welcome three new teachers: Mr. Berzinski, Mrs Huscroft, and Mrs Huff.
 4. School goals:
 1. Numeracy and Literacy
 2. Wellness
 3. Creating Community
 5. PLC work. Attachment based teaching and learning - Creating a Tribal Classroom. This has a strong emphasis on creating a strong community within the classroom and school, with a focus on relationships and inclusion.
 6. Assemblies are held once per month. Parents are invited to attend. Schedule will be placed on the website calendar.
 7. Doors will remain locked at all times. This is for safety only. Please ring the bell and you will be invited in by one of our admin assistants. We want to assure you that just because the doors are locked, it does not mean you are not welcome; it means the ones with bad intentions are not welcome.

8. There will be a new Platform for parent reporting. Schools around Palliser are going through some changes with their platform for reporting and communication. What was formerly known as Powerschool and the Parent Portal will now be Edsby and their reporting tools. Staff are working hard to learn these new tools and we will be passing on this knowledge to Parents via a parent night. Stay tuned for dates and times. At the moment our syner-voice tool, mass emails, Parent Portal, School Messenger attendance/safe arrival are not available as tools for communication. Please regularly check our website and Facebook page for updates.

5. Business Arising:

- a. The South Crosswalk. Jason will reach out to see if this project is still planned.

6. New business:

- a. Late Busses. The teachers are doing their best to ensure students arrive to class on time. A problem arises when busses arrive late and the Palliser website has not been updated so the teachers are unaware of the situation. These students are then reprimanded by the teacher for being late to class. It sets a bad tone for the teacher student relationship before the day has even started. Better communication is required so that bus students that are late through no fault of their own will not be hassled when they arrive to class.
- b. There was some confusion this year with the supply list. There was a School Start list, as well as the one the school puts out. There were some discrepancies between the two lists. Jason will check with administration staff to see how to improve the process for next year.

7. Bouquets of Appreciation

- a. The administration staff did a great job of communicating important information regarding the start off the year.
- b. The Band Clinics for the grade 6 students were great. Thank you Mr. Conrad and all the clinicians that shared their time and talent.
- c. The PE department. Both teachers are new and they are doing a great job of stepping up and bringing things together, like volleyball tryouts and smugglers.

8. Next Meeting:

- a. November 15, 2022 6:30pm
- b. 2022-2023 meeting dates:
 - January 17
 - March 21
 - May 16

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn – 7:18 pm

R.I.B. Middle School Parent Council Meeting
Sept. 13, 2022

Welcome to a new school year!

The Board of Trustees held their Organizational Meeting on August 23, 2022. Trustee Lorelei Bexte will remain as Chair, Trustee Tony Montana Vice-Chair and Trustee Debbie Laturnus will assume the role of Alternate Vice-Chair. Trustees were also assigned to various committees for the upcoming school year.

Two new Area Directors began their roles with the division in August. Jackie Kark will serve the Lethbridge region and Mike Thiesen was appointed for the Calgary Region. They look forward to building connections with staff and school communities while supporting the unique needs of students.

Three Value Scoping Meetings were held in June for the modernization of Coalhurst Schools. The process identified options for delivering K-12 education within the Town of Coalhurst. The participants included a facilitator, architects, and cost consultants. Stakeholders were invited from Coalhurst Town Council, County of Lethbridge, Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure and Palliser Schools. The report has been submitted to Alberta Education.

The Board approved a 1.75 % salary increase as of Sept 01, 2022, to employees not covered by a collective agreement. When a settlement occurs with one pay group, consideration of a salary increase is given to all other employees in the division.

Next Board Meeting is September 20, 2022

Report submitted by Trustee S. Rutledge

RIBMS School Council AGM Chair Report 2021-2022

September 13th, 2022

The 2021-2022 School Council year began with the Annual General Meeting on September 14th, 2022 and proceeded throughout the year with 5 regular Council meetings held in September, November, January, March and May. Although most of the meetings throughout the year were held online due to restrictions, we were able to hold the May meeting in person and are excited to see you all today.

During the 2021-2022 school year RI Baker staff and students were able to get back to many of the activities that were missed during the previous two years. Organized school sports, school- wide assemblies, in person band concerts, school dances and end of year field trips - just to name a few - made a much welcomed appearance throughout the year.

RI Baker parent council was lucky to receive an ASCE School Council Government grant which was used in March to welcome Ted Emmett to RIBMS for "A Post Pandemic Look at Technology and Adolescent Online Activity". This was a great opportunity for parent engagement, and the session covered many issues we are all experiencing with our children and technology.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to a meeting last year, to our trustees for attending every meeting to keep us informed and to the RI Baker staff for continuing to rise to every challenge and somehow come out better on the other side.

Carley Campbell - RIBMS School Council Chair