

RI Baker School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21st @ 6:30pm
Location - RIBMS Staff Room

1. Call To Order at 6:35pm
 - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance - Carley Campbell, Amy Morice, Tanya Conrad, Sharron Rutledge, Debbie Laturus, Brett Clifton, Maegan Peacock, Jason Prebushewski. Regrets: Tammy Bolstad
2. Approval Of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve as presented - Amy Morice
 - b. 2nd by - Tanya Conrad
3. Approval Of January 17th, 2023 Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve as presented - Carley Campbell
 - b. 2nd by - Tanya Conrad
4. Reports
 - a. Trustee - see attached #1
 - b. Chair - see attached #2
 - c. Principal - see attached #3
5. Business Arising
 - a. 2022/2023 ASCE Grant - Motion to combine the ASCE Grant with KAHS if the opportunity arises - Carley Campbell
None opposed. Carried.
6. New Business
 - a. Dessert Concert Friday March 31st
-250 tickets available - 50% sold out
-4 tickets to give to Palliser trustees
7. Bouquets
 - a. Travis Conrad and parent volunteers for the band trip
 - b. Mr Smith & helpers for the play - it was awesome!
8. Final Meeting: Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 @ 6:30pm
9. Adjournment at 7:31pm

Attached #1

RIBMS Parent Council Meeting

March 21st, 2023

Board Highlights from February Meeting

Simon Sorensen, (Technology Services Supervisor), presented the **Technology Accountability Report**. The tech department is focused on utilizing technology to provide students and staff with tools to ensure high-quality learning.

There are 6,377 Chrome devices in the schools for students, staff and EA's. By using only Chrome devices, it has created an uniform platform for all users making staff and students able to access and correct problems easily.

All schools, as of Aug 2022, have Supernet 2.0 capabilities offering increased band width, all phones installed in Palliser owned buildings now connected by VoIP, ViewSonic Boards are being installed, PA systems being upgraded, along with improved cyber security practices.

The Board reviewed **Admin Procedure 549: Inclement Weather** and **Admin Procedure 555: Bus Transportation** and advised Administration to make an update. With the focus on safety, and the temperature at which buses are able to operate, school bus service shall be suspended by the Superintendent, when a temperature of -35 degrees or colder is reached. Previously, the temperature consideration was -40 degrees but has proved to be an unrealistic temperature for the operation of the bus fleet.

For Board information, Administration provided clarification on the expectation of **field trips**, liability risks, and the Admin Procedures tied to them. Mr. Tom Hamer, Deputy Superintendent, would be glad to attend a Parent Council meeting for further explanation.

Board Highlights from March 14, 2023 Meeting

The Human Resources Dept. (HR) provides support and services to employee on-boarding, teacher and support staff allocations, employee contracts, workplace investigations, staff evaluations and plays a key role in preparing proposals for the bargaining process with the ATA and CUPE Local 290. The HR Team serves 1,761 employees, (613 certificated staff, 488 support staff, and 660 casual employees including substitute teachers).

The Family School Liaison Counselling (FSLC) team supports students in areas of anxiety, depression, grief and loss, trauma, education issues, peer issues and crisis support. The team has 15 full and part time staff and 4 practicum students. With a Govt Grant, the division hired a Youth Systems Navigator, 2 Family Systems Navigators and a Consulting Clinical Psychologist.

Palliser, along with five school divisions from southern Alberta, have formed the **Southern Alberta Pathways Partnership** with Lethbridge College, Career Transitions, local business, and industry partners. This collaborative effort has allowed students to explore potential careers and experience hands-on-learning.

The Board approved the **2023-2026 Capital Plan**. Finding a solution for projected overcrowding at Coalhurst Elementary and underutilization at Coalhurst High School is the first priority for Palliser. Next projects are County Central High in Vulcan, and Sunnyside School.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023.

Attached #2

- I attended a Council of Council's meeting on January 19th. This meeting was focused on the Purpose of School Councils with a round table discussion on what a school council is.
- There were lots of great ideas for school councils to be involved with the community, students and teachers and sharing of ideas on how to get parents involved.
- We also briefly discussed the ASCE school grant and possible uses for the grant this year.

Attached #3

- The 2023/2024 Draft Calendar and Bell Times were shared for review before submission to Palliser head office.
- The RIBMS Band Trips were held and over 60 students participated. The Grade 7/8 band travelled to Edmonton and received an Excellent + rating from the adjudicators.
- RIBMS dances took place and were well received. An end of year dance is in the works.
- The RIBMS multi-sport program has had another successful year. The students in the program participated in 4 units, golf, curling, hockey and football. Hopefully this program will continue.
- RIBMS took place in a professional learning session focused on school cultures. The staff and administration are focusing on some areas to strengthen the workplace culture.
- Palliser staff participated in a summit day in Vulcan during the PD day on March 17th. There was positive feedback from staff about the number of sessions to choose from.
- RIBMS Grade 7 and possibly Grade 8 students have an opportunity to participate in an exchange program to Spain. This would be a reciprocal exchange program and there are still spots open for students to participate.
- Staffing
 - Mrs. Holland has retired and is missed! We would like to welcome her replacement, Amanda Gallimore.
 - A new educational assistant will start in Grade 7 next week. Welcome to Darcie Young.
 - It has been difficult finding subs for both Teachers and EAs. There were also a limited number of candidates for the latest positions that were posted. New casual subs are always welcome.