

**RI Baker Parent Council Meeting  
Sept 10, 2024**

**Highlights of Sept Board Meeting**

**HOME EDUCATION UPDATE**

Palliser's Home Education Program has undergone significant changes from a small number of students to a dramatic increase. The new program is operated through Palliser Beyond Borders under the leadership of Principal Jason Kwasny and Facilitator Laurie Zeinchuk. The program has focused on building a community of families committed to high-quality learning with meaningful experiences for students through field trips, in-person workshops in language / fine arts and Celebrations of Learning showcasing students' talents and skills.

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION UPDATE**

Shane Cranston spoke of a new software platform to enhance support for inclusive education. It is hoped that this platform will enable support teams to collaborate more effectively and efficiently between staff, families and students to ensure continuity of support as students transition between grades, schools and beyond.

**CELL PHONES SCHOOL POLICIES**

The Govt. of Alberta announced in June 2024, that school divisions restrict access to cell phones and other personal devices during class time. A survey conducted by the Govt. of Alberta prior to the new directive, revealed strong support from parents, guardians, educators, and even many students.

For more information on how Palliser is supporting this govt. Initiative, please refer to the document "**Cell Phone Policy Guidelines**" or contact your child's school.

**Special Note:** The Air Quality Guidelines for Schools has just been posted on the Palliser website. It can be found under Staff Quick Links, Parent Quick Links and on the Inclement Weather section of the Parents page of the website.

**UPDATE ON COALDALE SCHOOLS PROJECT**

With Coaldale Prairie Winds School now up and running, there will be some work being done at some of our other schools in Coaldale. The majority of the work will be done at the KA site as John Davidson will be moving in there sometime in the new year.