

PBHS School Council

January 14, 2021

3:45pm

PBHS

MINUTES

Call to order 3:45 pm

Welcome / Introductions: Mark Lowe, Greg Thompson, Nancie Molenaar, Sandra Fremstad, Cammy Dunn, Michelle Marti, Sharon Rutledge, Kelly McLeod, Natalie Townshend,

Reading & Approval of Minutes; Sandra Fremstad read the minutes from November 12 meeting. Minutes approved by Kelly McLeod

Reports

Trustee/Central office - Sharon Rutledge. November/Dec Board minutes

Included:

- Financial Covid budget was presented to the board and accepted. Sub costs are up this year by 5% compared to last year. Discussion - PBHS is down sub usage by about 70% this year due to meeting cancellations and no positive cases in the school.
- No Diploma exams
- Approval of 3 yr Palliser Education Plan - Numeracy/Literacy are highlighted
- CoVid 19 has had a big impact on the International Student Program. 17 students coming and there is one to be placed in PBHS from Germany.
- Elections - there is going to be a review of the Wards for the elections
- Next meeting is Jan 26, 2021.

Principal: Mark Lowe

- Students were excited to be back this week. Has been a great week overall.
- Term courses are wrapping up for the high school students and assessments are organized to include some possible mental health time as well.
- Jr High start new term on January 26 and High school students on Jan 28
- Working on our 3 year Education Plan for PBHS. 4 Primary parts are
 - continuing school improvement through relationship building with students and community. Populations have increased as we have made this a

focus. Focus on St. Catherine's as many grade 9's are looking to go to Lethbridge.

- Numeracy Goal - definite math deficits so we will be running extra numeracy programming at the jr. high level. Targets include gaps in chart and graph readings, non-calculator problems. Beginning with scope and sequence at high school level and then working backwards from there
- Continuing with awareness and supports for life in the pandemic - mental health, protocols, etc. **Question to Sharon (from SF)** - would Palliser consider giving mental health days like Holy Spirit and several other divisions did last spring? **Response** - Sharon would look at bringing that to the board while NT gave some background on how some divisions were able to accomplish that last year.
- Continue to develop our Learning Commons area which includes physical space but also access to career counselling and post-secondary planning for our students.
- We are also beginning to look at next year's planning in terms of student and staff projections, student schedules, and academic planning. The hope is to get this developed by the end of March and roll it out to students after that. In terms of Friday school like we did this year. We can potentially continue this with the high school students (through Redesign) but we will need to develop a plan for the jr high students with a focus on their educational hours. We will be able to communicate more to parents once we prepare and get approval from the division.

Council: Sandra Fremstad -

- Is there anything that the School Council can do for the school, staff, and students during this time? Perhaps a pizza party at Valentines Day(?) We want to do something for the mental health of the school but not sure how to do that. Just little extra things that PBHS can look forward to. Perhaps on Feb 11 (Thursday).
- Perhaps add an activity included with the pizza such as a scavenger hunt or an escape room.

New Business: no new business

Around the Table: discussions included above.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 11th @ 3:45pm

Adjournment: 4:45 PM