

PBHS School Council
Thursday, February 11, 2021
3:45pm

Minutes:

Welcome / Introductions: Mark Lowe, Kristine Cassie,, Sharon Rutledge, Audrey Kluin, Greg Thompson, Kelly McLeod, Roxanne Drake, Sandra Fremstad, Michelle Marti, Carlene Groenenboom, Tanya Slomp, Casey Scheidegger, Cammy Dunn

Regrets: Nancy Molenaar

Approval of Minutes - approved

Reports

Trustee - Sharon Rutledge

There has been a reduction of confirmed cases since AHS has changed their process for assessment whether staff are close contacts on a case by case basis. Definitions have changed and the term 'watch' will no longer be used, but **Alert (1-4 cases)** and an **Outbreak (5 or more cases)** to make communication for parents, staff and community easier to understand. Travel restrictions imposed on January 25 will impact all people with a mandatory 14 day quarantine for those attending school, daycares or workplaces.

2) Transportation Report - Dave Shaw reported that Palliser operates 57 daily routes, transports 1,850 students every day, and travels over 1.9 million kilometers every year. Palliser has installed 51 out of 57 buses with cameras and outfitted all buses with GPS and tablets with software that handles log books, daily inspections and fuel tracking.

3) Occupational Health and Safety Report - Provincial inspectors were sent to 7 schools (Picture Butte High School one of them) for random inspections to ensure that safety requirements are being met. All received excellent reports. Palliser has adopted a Working Alone Procedure in order that individuals working alone in schools and properties can do so safely.

4) Policy Update - Trustees approved Policy 4 -- Trustee Code of Conduct and Policy 11 -- Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. In review is Policy 12 -- Appeals and Hearings Regarding Teacher Matters. The draft policies are posted on the Palliser website.

5) October 2021 Elections - Trustees are elected every four years. The next General Election will be held on October 18, 2021. Election packages are available for pick-up at the Palliser Education Centre.

6) Trustee PD Opportunities - The Board has committed to monthly professional learning sessions and will be hearing a presentation from Kristen Krien, Palliser's Indigenous Success Coordinator at the next Board Meeting. **Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2021**

Principal - Mark Lowe

1. Assembly and Pizza day went really well.
2. Tell them From Me survey
 - a. Summary was sent out earlier to parents and a summary is posted on the School Website
3. Three year Educational Plan summary
 - a. Not sure if I can share it yet
4. 2021/2022
 - a. school Projections up a bit but will keep the number at 146 right now.
 - b. Hopeful that staffing levels will stay consistent this year to next
 - c. Have a working timetable for next year if above is the case
 - d. 21/22 calendar is still a work in progress. Much discussion and determination right now on whether a Friday system similar to this year would work next year. We have been working with Alberta Education to determine compliance of our proposal.
 - e. Bell schedules will return more to 19/20 style
5. Golf academy idea has resurfaced. Anyone know of anyone with \$200,000 laying around?

Council - No report at this time due to Covid restrictions.

New Business:

1. **Next Special Activity** - monthly? or Easter? (pizza, escape room, murder mystery etc)
"Reality check" activity (Yukon Public schools) - trade show set up where students need to go around spending imaginary money and need to buy insurance, houses, etc. Sounds like a promising endeavor but we will need to address set-up. Perhaps outdoors? Perhaps later on this Spring(?)
2. **What do the changes to youth sports from AHS mean for us?**

Extra Curricular Sports - Casey Scheidegger gave a presentation on the new protocols.

Schools can return to extra-curricular but:

- Only Cohorts (max. 10 including coaches/trainers) during restricted building times
- No games/travel
- Distancing of 3 m at all times.
- Masking when not on the court and recommended NOT to have masks on during activity due to increased spread.

We have the ability to practice after school BUT the distancing presents problems in running a volleyball or basketball programs. Casey will look into running a badminton program after the break based on updated protocols at that time.

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

Adjournment: 4:30 pm