

PBHS School Council

Thursday, March 10th

4:00 pm

AGENDA

Call to order

Welcome / Introductions: Mark Lowe, Cammy Dunn, Sandra Fremstad, Michael Oliver, Michelle Marti, Natalie Townshend, Greg Thompson, Kelly McLeod

Review of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes - (last meeting Feb 10th)

Minutes posted on PBHS website under About - School Council

Reports:

1) Trustee/Central office - Michael Oliver

Satisfaction with Education in Alberta Surveys

Between February 25 and May 2022, Advanis Inc. has been contracted to conduct the annual satisfaction telephone/online surveys for the Ministry of Education to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers, principals, school board trustees, and employers of recent high school graduates. There are several purposes of the surveys including determining satisfaction with the overall quality of the education system, the education system meeting the needs of students, schools providing a safe, caring and inclusive environment for students and preparation of students for lifelong learning, employment and active citizenship.

National Sport School Olympic Athletes

Student athlete Ale Loutitt, a grade 12 student at the National Sports School in Calgary, made Canada and the district proud with her Bronze medal performance in the Mixed Team Ski Jumping event at the the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics in February. As well, 22 former National Sport School students were also participants in these Winter Olympics.

Family School Liaison Counselling Program

In 2021, the Palliser School Division Family School Liaison Counselling Program team increased from nine to 18 members consisting of full-time and part-time counsellors, externally funded counsellors and practicum students. Increased support at each school has provided more consistent and meaningful mental health and wellness support to students and families including connections to community mental health/crisis resources and connections to the Making Connections Workers, providing a holistic approach to support. Moving forward, there will be continued emphasis on providing adequate staffing to meet the growing needs of staff and students along with continued emphasis on supporting Palliser Administration and educational staff to implement a trauma-informed approach in the classroom.

Human Resource Services Accountability Report

Human Resource Services completed approximately 6200 tasks from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 including coordinating the allocation of approximately 554 FTE teachers, 465 FTE non-certified staff and allocation of support staff hours to schools for the 2021-22 school year. Human Resource Services plays a key role in bargaining with the Alberta Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 290. Human Resource Services will be losing two key team members at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year due to retirement. The team is dedicated to ensuring The Palliser School Division is able to provide an exceptional learning experience for all students, by making certain we have outstanding staff throughout the division and supporting them so they can serve our students.

2) Principal - Mark Lowe

a. 21/22 School Year

- i. 2022 Golf Tourney - meeting next week to decide fate. Looking for community support/donations for Academic Awards and Provincial volleyball and we do not want to spread the businesses thin.
- ii. GSA has had a positive startup. Mainly a support group for struggling students. Information has been put up around the school and students have been thankful for the support it's been given.

b. 22/23 School year

- i. Calendar is in a final stage. Mark showed the parents a potential bell schedule and year calendar with a few days and restrictions. Mark presented possible PD days with the intention that the parent request for Mondays following the bus clusters was rejected. Parents would like to see a pd day on Nov 25 and the other on March 24. Parents agree that it seems like the best option if their request was not going to be accepted.

- ii. Farm Ed pilot school next year is progressing nicely. I met with the town council on Feb 14 and Coyote Flats. Much support. Mark is writing 2 grants at this point to build the mega-structure for 2023. We are hoping to build a greenhouse and a chicken coop for the fall of 2022. Mark is going to meet with Devry to get some advice on greenhouses. Mike Oliver led discussion on some of the structural concerns and the price of materials.

Mike would like to flush out the plans, the area it will go, power supply, etc so that we can present it with an actual plan in order to move forward. Discussion continued in terms of operations and cost recovery and involving areas like hot lunch, Pyami helping tend plots in the summer.

- iii. Journeyman Carpentry. No report as there have been no advancements to this point.
- iv. Waiting on approval from Division to build our CTS Construction 'mega facility'
- v. 2022 Volleyball Provincials

Council

- a) **Community Foundation Grant** - March 15th. Mark has applied for 2 grants to date but any grants that council can find and apply to would be appreciative. Kelly suggested the Pioneer Grant and the EDF from the Black Spring Ridge out by Carmangay. Perhaps G3. Also UFA and Farm Credit.
- b) **Track days or end of school Kona Ice Truck?** They are starting to book up and the council is wondering if we should be booking in. June 15 @ 2:30 would be optimum as it is the last day of classes.

Old Business:

- a) **Natalie - quote for dirt.** 30 cu yds = Ball park would be about \$1000 (delivered?). Suggestions on where to look or who to talk to but nothing concrete at this time. Perhaps Rocky Mtn Equipment who did some excavating (Sandra to talk to Gary Kleghorn).

New Business/ Around the Table

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 5 @ 4 pm

Adjournment: 5:20 pm