

DDS Home and School Council Minutes
February 7, 2022– Online Only, via Zoom

Attendance: Danielle Ross, Amanda Burke, Roxane Drake, Crystal McGregor, Michael Oliver, Alicia Bourque, Ashley Mcleod, Melanie Nishikawa, Mandy Zeinstra.

1) Called to Order @ 3:45

2) Agenda – Approved, no additions.

3) Previous minutes: Attached to email and reviewed. Approved by Roxane and Alicia

4) Business Arising: None

5) New Business:

a) Valentine’s Day Parties.

i) Parties will take place on the afternoon of Monday February 14 for students.

ii) Roxane motioned to spend \$250 for treats for all grades, motioned seconded by Danielle. All in favor.

6) Treasurer’s Report (Mandy):

a) After paying subway and reimbursing Roxane, there is \$538.01 in the account. That leaves a cushion for future lunches and Valentines party treats.

7) Hot Lunch Report (Roxane):

a) Next hot lunches to go up for online ordering are grilled cheese and tomato soup and booster Juice.

b) Roxane inquiring about some cupboard space, possibly more space in the hallway cupboard but there is other supplies in there. Crystal will get Carol Gibson in touch with Roxane to go through what is in there and make a designated spot for hot lunch.

c) Two big roasters are need for the homemade meals, could the breakfast program please leave at the one fridge for storage on these days. Crystal agreed to pass along the message. It should be no problem.

d) Please let Roxane know if anyone wants to or is able to help out, it is always appreciated.

8) Betterment Report: Nothing to report, Kelly not in attendance.

9) Trustee’s Report (Michael)

a) Report attached to minutes

b) Palliser is receiving a lot of communication from parents about lifting masking requirements, etc. A reminder these are government mandates.

c) Discussion regarding the preference of PD days (Fridays/Mondays/possibly the Monday after the time change). General consensus is that Fridays are working. Feedback is welcome if anyone has other thoughts.

10) Principals Report (Crystal):

a) Assurance framework – Attached to email, please review.

i) Discussion questions: Are there any gaps in statements? Are there any pieces from DDS’s vision and mission that are missing? No comments, teachers had some feedback on the wording regarding emotions

b) Literacy report:

- i) There is funding in place for grades 2 and 3 providing an extra teacher in the mornings.
- ii) Reading and numeracy data has been collected and submitted. Possibly more funding to be provided.
- c) Mel provided examples of what Div. 1 has been working on. The program is going very well.
- d) Engagement activity proposed for the evening of April 7th. Teachers can collaborate with parents to share goals and what they have been working on. Michelle has other possible thoughts and ideas to add at a later date.

11) **Around the Table:** Nothing to bring up.

12) **Next meeting:** March 7 @ 3:45, not sure yet whether it will be in-person or on-line.

13) **Adjourned:** @4:20

DDS Parent council meeting February 7, 2022 Trustee Report Michael Oliver

Michael Willems, Certificate of Excellence Recipient

The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence have honoured exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines since 1994, with over 1,600 teachers honoured to date. Teaching Excellence Awards recipients are honoured for their remarkable achievements in education and for their commitment to preparing their students for a digital and innovation-based economy.

The Teaching Excellence in STEM Awards honour outstanding

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics teachers that help develop the culture of innovation Canada needs today, and in the future. Michael Willems, teacher with Palliser School Division has been recognized for his teaching practices. We congratulate Michael for his service to the students in Palliser.

Facility Services in Palliser

Work continues so that Palliser Schools are safe, efficient, organized, clean and comfortable. The maintenance staff are commended for all the work they have done, day in and day out throughout the pandemic. In the coming months schools will see more interactive board installs being completed, more VOIP systems being installed, some flooring installs and LED upgrades. Palliser school custodians are thanked for working so hard to keep our school clean daily and working hard in the summer to have our schools shine for the first day of school. The Board is

looking forward to the new year watching the new Coaldale school as it is being built.

Palliser Early Learning Services

Palliser School Division currently has 227 Early Learning students in its schools. Early Learning educators provide play-based, developmentally appropriate activities to our youngest learners. Children need regular, healthy interactions to build skills and Palliser has an amazing team of Early Learning educators that are creative and passionate about their work to help them build those skills.

Thank you to all the Early Learning Educators!

Holiday Wishes

The Palliser Board of Trustees wishes all the staff and students a season of relaxation and an abundance of happiness during this holiday break. Have an enjoyable New Year and we

look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Palliser School Division Transportation

Palliser operates 58 daily routes to our division's schools, transporting 1850 students per day and traveling over 1.9 million kilometers per year. The department's bus drivers are a major reason for the continued excellent service we are able to provide our students within the division. All regular route drivers have completed "S" endorsement training and must keep their

first aid training up to date. All of the buses used for routes and as spares have GPS and tablets with software that tracks not only the bus but also handles the electronic log books, daily inspection and fuel tracking. We would like to thank all our bus drivers for making sure our students get to and from school safely on a daily basis.

Palliser Board of Trustees and the ATA Local 19

Twice a year the Board and the executive of the ATA Local 19 meet to discuss matters of mutual interest. The committee met before the break and discussed the terms of reference for the committee, PD days, their positions on the new K-6 curriculum and funding for programs for our youngest learners. Working together will make our division stronger and a great place for our students and our staff.

Policy Update

Policies govern the way that the Division operates. The Board is committed to reviewing all the policies on an annual basis. This month the Board is looking at Policy 9 - Board Operations and welcomes any feedback from its stakeholders. <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review>

Deputy Superintendent Appointment

Tom Hamer will continue as the Deputy Superintendent for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. He is responsible and accountable to the Superintendent and will assume all responsibilities of the Superintendent in the Superintendent's absence.