

## DDS School Council Meeting

Monday October 16 at 7pms

In Person & Virtual Meeting

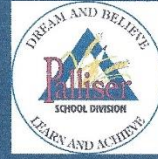
- **Attendance:** Crystal McGregor, Michelle Marti, Mandy Zeinstra, Mike Oliver, Danielle Ross, Kate Chronik, Amy Wehlage. **Online:** Amanda Burke, Laurell Greene, Jena Emond, Crystal Neels, Ashley Mcleod, Alicia Bourke, Shantel Mohrmann.
- **Welcome & Call to Order:** 7:04 pm
- **Agenda:** Approved by Danielle
- **Previous Minutes: attached to email:** Approved by Mandy
- **Business arising from previous minutes:** No previous business
- **New Business:** No new business at this time.
- **Principal's Report (Crystal McGregor):**
  - The new Family Liaison counsellor has been hired. She will be shared with PBHS and will be at DDS on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact the office if anyone would like their child to meet with the counsellor.
  - A new education assistant has been hired. She will be starting soon for ½ days (morning).
  - The Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser has kicked off. Delivery will be in early December. Help will be needed to sort the pizzas when they are delivered. Crystal will let everyone know the exact date when it is closer. Please let the office know if you can help.
  - DDS has applied for 2 grants for a sensory room. \$7500 has already been received, they hope to hear about the 2<sup>nd</sup> grant within the next couple weeks.
  - Please sign up for Edsby and download the app. The school has been experiencing many hiccups with being new to the app but are getting things figured out. An email from your teacher detailing sign in instructions should have been received by now.
- **Trustee's Report (Mike Oliver):** Attached below
- **Hot Lunch Report (Laurell Greene):**
  - Coming up this Thursday is Sloppy Joes. Thank you to those who are coming to help with this one. The next ones will be stroganoff, then pasta with meat sauce. Please contact Laurell if you can help grocery shop, cook, assemble and/or clean up.
  - Ground beef from Schootens will now be dropped of at Danielle's monthly.
  - Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> will be the parent council supplied turkey dinner. Please let us know if you can volunteer this day.
- **Treasurer's Report (Mandy Zeinstra):** No changes. Account still sitting at \$715.16
- **Betterment Report:** No changes. The corn maze field trip and sound system are still outstanding. Michelle has given the school the list of approved expenses to use casino funds for.

- **Around the table:** Michelle reminded everyone to do the survey sent out by Palliser.
- **Adjournment:** @ 7:28.

**Next Meeting Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> @3:45**

# Board Meeting Highlights:

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: October 10, 2023



## Update on Assessment from Learning Services

Palliser School Division is in the process of enhancing our assessment practices. While this shift has been in progress for some time, this marks the first year where some Palliser elementary schools will be introducing a new report card through the 'Edsby' platform. Deputy Superintendent, Tom Hamer, expressed his enthusiasm for this innovative communication tool, designed to provide parents and caregivers with insightful and meaningful updates on their child's progress.

Central to our updated assessment approach is the emphasis on formative assessment over summative assessment. Formative assessment gives teachers timely insights into a student's learning trajectory, allowing for immediate adjustments when necessary. This not only empowers teachers to address potential learning gaps promptly but also bolsters students' confidence as they can clearly see their growth. Moreover, this consistent feedback helps to lessen the anxiety surrounding final exams.

The Division is eager to delve deeper and engage our school communities in this transformative journey over the upcoming year.

## Palliser School Board to Develop New Vision, Mission and Values

The Palliser School Division's Board of Trustees is embarking on a significant journey to shape our future. In the coming months, our Trustees will collaboratively develop a refreshed Vision, Mission, and set of Values that will guide our Division in the years ahead. The Board is committed to transparency and inclusivity in this process. Early next year, we will present the plan for broader public engagement. We anticipate the unveiling of our renewed direction and cultural blueprint in Spring 2024. We're excited and look forward to collaborating with you on this pivotal transition.



## Board of Trustees Reviews Policy

The Board of Trustees reviewed Policy 8: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters. The newly revised policy is available to Principals, parents and concerned public at this link:  
<https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review>

**The next regular Board Meeting will be on November 14, 2023**

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