

# COUNCIL MEETING 01/06/2021

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**January 6, 2021 5:30 PM via Google Meet**

## ATTENDEES

Stacey Tharle, Leanne Hellman, John Seaman, Robert Strauss, Diane Smith, Mary Martens, Kimberly COLLIS, Donna Bertschy, Sue McDonald, David Bexte, Lori Gair, Lorelei Bexte

Called to order at 5:34 pm

## AGENDA

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Thank you's to Arrowwood Ag Society

David moved his Agenda accepted as presented. CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimberly moved her report accepted as presented. David moved, Diane seconded. CARRIED

### OLD BUSINESS

- Awards
- Minutes on Social Media - send to Alicia
- Christmas hampers - shopped for five families - Lundgren, Donovan, Tharle took three families. Got hamper, stocking with personal hygiene, treat, Angel Tree gifts. David thanked all involved for their work towards this effort.
  - Suggestion for next year - if family is already established, let the committee know earlier to get it done more efficiently.
- Gifts to Students - work bee on December 10th. 200 Goodie bags assembled. Positive feedback from students and parents. David thanked those involved.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Thank you card to Arrowwood Ag Society

### BOARD REPORT - ROBERT STRAUSS

#### Highlights of Board of Trustees Meeting Tues, December 15, 2020

**Early Learning:** Early Learning Coordinator Margaret Vennard and Director of Learning Shane Cranston shared the Early Learning Report. New for 2020 – 2021 is that Alberta Education has changed the funding and

kindergarten students are no longer part of the Early Learning program. Kindergarten programming is now part of Specialized Learning Supports budget and provides consistent support throughout a student's entire Kindergarten to Grade 12 experience. Palliser School Division has an amazing team of Early Language Educators. The Early Learning Educators have done a very good job in helping young students adjust to school during a pandemic. Their COVID practices include more outdoor play, cleaning routines, and, individual kits/ toys.

**International Students:** COVID-19 has put a damper on international student entry in Alberta. Deputy Superintendent Tom Hamer shared the impact that the virus had on international studies in Palliser. While enrolment numbers decreased from the previous year, there has been more interest for fall 2021 and beyond. When the world opens up for international travel, it is expected to see higher enrolment numbers in the coming years as the world starts to recover from the pandemic.

**Policy Update:** The Trustees approved Policy 23 – Policy Making and Policy 1– Role of the Board of Trustees. The updated policies will be posted to the Division website and shared with all staff. Draft Policy 4 – Trustee Protocol and Draft Policy 11– Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters were reviewed. The draft policies will be posted to the Palliser website and shared with stakeholders for input. For input into the policies go to <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review>.

**2021-2022 Calendar:** Associate Superintendent of HR, Audrey Kluin shared the proposed 2021-2022 calendar with the Board. The proposed calendar is in line with the calendars of the divisions that surround Palliser and that is an advantage to families who work in different geographic areas. The first day for students will be September 1, 2021 and their final day will be June 28, 2021. Individual schools will now begin finalizing their calendars in consultation with the school councils and staff.

The next meeting of the Palliser Board of Trustees is January 26, 2021.

## **PRINCIPAL REPORT - LEANNE HELLMAN**

**THANK YOU!** On behalf of the staff of CCHS, thank you so much for the cards and Christmas wishes shared by School Council. We are also grateful to the many families who dropped off goodies for staff - we enjoyed every bit of it, and it helped get us through a difficult few weeks.

**Graduation:** We have ordered grad hoodies and have completed grad photos. Next, we will be collecting sizing information for caps and gowns and will be ordering diplomas and covers.

**Awards:** All scholarships have been handed out - students were invited to come to the school to pick up their cheques and certificates and had their photos taken.

**Final Exams:** CCHS staff is working under the guidelines recently provided by Palliser and plans will be finalized by Friday. The guidelines - out of respect for the extraordinary circumstances and student stress levels - ask that we find alternative ways of completing end-of-semester assessments. These assessments will take place between January 11th - 22nd and will consist of final projects, written assessments, and reviews of previous units.

**New Staff Member:** Farley! Farley will be at the school most days and is starting his training this weekend.

**Foods Lab:** We are in the process of updating equipment: 4 new stoves, new mixers, blenders, and microwaves, new cookware, bakeware, and utensils. These items are being provided out of a private donation of \$5000.00 to the school for this purpose.

**Athletics:** There are no sports running at this time. We are monitoring the cases in Alberta and in Vulcan County. We will work with Palliser to determine if and when sports can return.

**Accountability Pillar Survey:** Our annual survey will be taking place at the end of January. I would like members to think about how we can work together to improve parent engagement and participation

**Coming Soon:**

- January 11th                      Return to in-class instruction
  - January 22nd                     Last Day of Classes Grades 10-12
  - January 27-29                   Professional Development Days
  - February 1st                     Semester II begins
  - February 15-19th               February Break
- David asked if there had been feedback based on the School Satisfaction Survey. Asked for an update for the next meeting.
  - John Seaman asked what Palliser's plan will be if sports are permitted. Robert said it is unlikely that we will be big risk takers, but more cautious approach. Will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, depending on numbers, vaccinations, etc.

**TEACHER REPORT - input included in Principal Report**

**SPORT COUNCIL REPORT - JOHN SEAMAN**

- Sports Advisory meeting has not taken place since the beginning of the year
- Sport Council meetings have taken place to deal with some bills, and AGLC regarding current use of proceeds.
- ASAA will run blended spring/ fall program - Volleyball and Football have been cancelled. All other sports potentially could run for provincial competition.

Next meeting date February 3, 2021 5:30 via Google Meet

Meeting Adjourned at 6:11pm

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# Council Meeting 01/06/2021

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**January 6, 2021 6:30 PM | Virtual Meeting**

Called to Order at 6:12pm

**ATTENDEES** via Google Meet

David Bexte, Leanne Hellman, Kimberly Collis, Stacey Tharle, Diane Smith, Lori Gair, Sue McDonald, Lorelei Bexte, Robert Strauss

AGENDA

**Approval of Minutes** -

Kimberly moved the minutes accepted as presented. Seconded by Diane Smith. **CARRIED**

**Additions to the Agenda**

David moved Agenda as Presented

**Treasurer's Report**

NONE AT THIS TIME

Old Business

- Signing Authority - still to do
- Arrowwood United Church took care of a family for Christmas hampers
- Perishable groceries paid from CCHS Nutrition Grant
  - This was monies that needed to be spent.

-New Business

- NONE AT THIS TIME

Adjournment 6:21pm

Next meeting date : February 3, 2021

Discussion occurred following the meeting regarding digital storage and access to agendas and meeting minutes.