

## March 21, 2017 Board Report

Next board meeting was today, Tuesday March 21, 2017. I was not able to attend the entire meeting, so only have a couple of updates from this morning.

### Superintendent's contract ended

Palliser Regional Schools Board of Trustees passed a motion concluding the employment of Superintendent Kevin Gietz, effective immediately without notice or payment in lieu of notice. Acting Superintendent Dr. Garry Andrews will continue in the acting role, we will have issued a request for proposal to look for an Executive Search Consultant, we will keep you informed on the process we will be following.

Because this is a personnel matter, the Board of Trustees will make no further comment.

### New school

The Board of Trustees gave its approval to the creation of a new faith-based alternative program to open in southwest Calgary for the 2017-2018 school year. Horizon Academy Institute is a leadership-focused school offering Islamic and Arabic studies. The board had given approval in principle at its Feb. 7 meeting, pending a review of the master agreement by Palliser's legal counsel and a visit to the school's proposed site to ensure its suitability.

### Policy Review

After today's meeting, we expect to have several draft policies available for public review and input. The drafts will be posted on the board's Policy Review webpage to provide stakeholders an opportunity to provide comment. This is the opportunity for parents and community members to have input in our policy development. Please if you have any comments etc on the policies, please respond, this is your chance for input. Copies will be coming out to school councils for their input but not til after our board meeting. The Board intends to review all policies before the end of the year.

### Budget

The province had their announcement on the budget on Thursday, we will be receiving basically a 0% increase on the basic grant and there is some changes to other grants such as IMR, small school of necessity etc. The province did cap Grade 10-12 students to 45 CEU's per year. We will have more information on the effects of the budget to Palliser after tomorrow. And the province and the ATA are in negotiations so we will not know the outcome until settlement is reached. We will keep you updated.

### Shortfall in Palliser's financial position (from per Board Highlights)

Palliser Regional Schools was sitting with a \$1.1 million shortfall as of the end of January, 2017. Secretary-treasurer Wayne Braun told the board some of the discrepancies were due to a timing difference when revenues are received and expenses occur. This was the result of the addition of equired teaching and support staff, which accounted for more than \$750,000 in additional expenses.

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~~The board also had a \$65,000 shortfall in the budget for the following year. The board is currently working on a budget for the following year. The board is currently working on a budget for the following year. The board is currently working on a budget for the following year.~~

**Council of Council Meeting**

We have scheduled a meeting for April 4 from 6:00 to 8:00, this is mostly a pd opportunity and we are working with ASCA to provide the workshop for school councils. We are holding this meeting in 3 locations, Lethbridge, Vulcan and Calgary. We are hoping to have a bit of an update for school councils regarding the budget and the policy review at that time also.

Anyone have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks  
Colleen