

Board Report for Milo School Council Meeting March 20, 2018

- The Base School Calendar was approved at the board meeting on February 27.
- The board along with some Palliser staff participated in a Blanket Exercise with Hali Heavy Shield. She shared a powerful message on issues that our indigenous peoples have faced and the hope for reconciliation in the future.
- The Palliser Regional Schools Board of Trustees updated the division's inclement weather policy (AP 549). This is now posted on the Palliser Website. If you have any questions or comments please let me know.
- Stakeholders Meeting: The Board of Trustees is considering holding a south stakeholder meeting, likely next fall, as a means to increase community engagement. More details will follow as planning unfolds.
- Policy 16 – Safe and Caring Learning Environment was reviewed by the Board and input provided. The policy will be sent to Alberta Education for input and then be shared with staff and communities.
- The draft of the administration procedure for video surveillance in Palliser facilities was reviewed. The draft AP will be circulated to administrators and school councils for input and then be brought back to the Board.
- KPMG has been the auditing firm for Palliser Regional Schools for five years. The contract is due to expire. Palliser will be putting out a Request for Proposal to larger accounting firms including KPMG to secure another contract for Auditing Services for another 5 years.
- I attended the Rural Caucus Symposium in Edmonton March 4-6, along with 3 other board members and Dave Driscoll. Trustees and administration from 31 school boards were in attendance. We were able to voice concerns around Funding, Transportation and Wrap around Services directly to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health.

Again if you have any comments, questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. My cell is (403) 485-0823 and my email is lorelei.bexte@pallisersd.ab.ca