



Principal School Council Report

April 2016

General Updates

- Welcome our new Siksika Family Liaison Worker, Galen Rides the Grey Horse
- Scientists in School presentation with the 7-9s on Friday April 29
- NEW robotics kits have arrived! New parts and software!
- Options classes are changing for May and June – new choices and learning opportunities
- 16 computers from Computers for Schools are being processed to come to the school – classrooms/hallways
- Mini classroom gardens and food dehydrator have been purchased with the wellness grant funds
- Marine Biology trip was a huge success! The Ecology Projects Celebration Night on Nov. 18 brought about 40 people from families and the community to view photos from the trip and celebrate the learning with students!

IB Implementation Update

PYP implementation, teaching and learning:

- Teachers have completed a PYP online course from March 23-April 23, 2016
- IB Policies have been developed for Literacy and Language, Assessment and Inclusion
- IB Consultant visit on March 14 and 15 was successful, with recommendations for developing the POI by June, continued teacher use of the inquiry planners, completing teacher training, building collaboration of staff planning and continued efforts for learning international mindedness.
- IB Info Night on March 14th was a great success! Over 40 people participated in the Info Night and learned the essential elements of the IB program. IB Info Night in Vulcan on April 19 only had a few in attendance. Another IB Info Night will be scheduled in May for Milo and Siksika.

School Goals Initiatives

Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners of the week recognized each week, and a word of the week • Student intervention programming, February/March FP Reading Level check -in • Response to Intervention (RTI) continues to support students in need (meeting student needs one-on-one, in small groups and in guided reading groups) • Everyone Reads time for grades 1-9 every second week • Education Week activities May 2-5 • More books are being purchased for the library and classrooms for literacy and to support the inquiry units across various grades • FP Spring literacy data update highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Literacy data across all grades have increased from the fall up to 23% 				
	March				
		Fall % at Risk	At risk	Approaching	At grade level
	Grade 1-3	60%	43%	24%	33%
	Grade 4-6	77%	54%	38%	8%
Grade 7-9	41%	21%	5%	74%	

Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report cards sent home in March, along with suggestions for conversations at home about learning and IB Information for parents • Student, Parent, Teacher conferences in March – thank you for attending with your child! ☺ • Staff sharing rubrics, ideas, assessment tools/strategies • Use of digital tools for feedback, learning or tracking of progress/growth • Integrating learning outcomes with tasks and assessments, embedding reflection • School survey data results – highlights and summary see attached document • Midterm January/February assessment highlights - % of students at grade level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 4-6: Social 76%, Math 80%, LA 66%, Science 66% ○ Grade 7-9: Social 65%, Math 62%, LA 65%, Science 76%
Safe & Caring Learning Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Monthly News Update – March and April • Palliser student leadership conferences: April 21 grades 7-9; April 28 grades 4-6 • Grade 7-9 student leadership projects across Palliser: Milo is focusing on: leadership, active wellness, relationships and school enhancement. Some proposed projects are wellness activities to promote classroom exercise packs/routines, lunch buddies and mentorship program, volunteering experience with pet shelter, c-can buddy painting, and gardens. • New Siksika Family Liaison Worker Galendean Rides the Grey Horse began in March • Rowan house presentations for healthy friendships and choices in May • Mentorship Program begins in April for grades 1-9 – forms were sent home and are available at the office as well – many students are interested and need parent consent forms in. • Principal Chats with parents began in March – join us for a conversation about learning! • Siksika PowWow March 11: Rachelle Prud'Homme, Brian Rogers and Ken Garinger attend

Items Requiring Action/Discussion:

- 2016-17 Calendar – updates
- Grade 9 celebration - hoodies, event
- Final year-end trips/active living day
- Year-end assembly, awards, and talent show June 24

International Baccalaureate Next Steps

April –June 2016

- Continue to build capacity across staff, students and parents/community
- Continue to build knowledge and PYP understanding across teaching staff
- Continue to build the Programme of Inquiry (POI) for grade 1-6
- Encouraging/building learning in global awareness and action toward social change
- Use of assessment, inclusion and language policies
- Update of the Action Plan and commitment from Palliser Regional Schools – present information at a Board Meeting

