

Good Evening. I wish I could join you tonight, but I am attending meetings in Edmonton this week. I look forward to meeting with you at the next school council meeting.

Our last Board meeting was October 30, 2017

Our new Board is as follows:

**Chair Robert Strauss:** Representing a rural area in Vulcan County west and south of Highway 23/24 that includes the Town of Vulcan, Village of Carmangay as well as the community served by Brant Christian School in Brant, Calgary Islamic School, Calgary Christian School, Heritage Christian Academy and Horizon Elementary School, all of Calgary. He was returned as Board Chair at the organizational meeting held in October 2017.

**Vice Chair Debbie Laturnus:** Representing the Town of Coaldale, as well as the community served by Trinity Christian School in Calgary.

**Alternate Vice Chair Kristine Cassie:** Representing the rural area of Lethbridge County including Coalhurst, Nobleford and Barons.

**Lorelei Bexte:** Representing a rural area in Vulcan County east of Highway 23/24 that includes the communities of Arrowwood, Milo, and Champion, as well as the communities served by Calgary Christian School, Horizon Elementary School and Menno Simons Christian School, all of Calgary.

**Sharon Rutledge:** Representing the rural area at the south end of Lethbridge County, outside the City of Lethbridge and Town of Coaldale.

**Don Boras:** Representing Picture Butte and surrounding area, as well as Iron Springs and the communities served by Calgary Islamic Schools and Master's Academy & College, all of Calgary.

-Our new Superintendent, Dave Driscoll started on October 1. He comes to us after spending the past four years as superintendent of Livingstone Range School Division, overseeing schools from Nanton to Fort Macleod and Crowsnest pass. He is an educator with 27 years of teaching and leadership experience in Southern Alberta.

-We have a new Secretary Treasurer, Dexter Duffy, that started with us November 1, 2017. He brings over 20 plus years of experience with him.

-The board is looking at having time at our monthly meetings open to parents and the public to come in and speak to the board without necessarily needing to be on the agenda. This is a work in progress and we are hoping to roll out some guidelines parents in the near future.

-The board will be attending the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) Annual General Meeting in Edmonton Sunday, Nov 19 – Tues Nov 21.

-New trustees on the board will be attending an orientation/training session for new trustees in Edmonton on Sunday afternoon, Nov 19 and Wednesday, Nov 22, all day

-2018 Prime Minister's Awards for: Teaching Excellence, Excellence in Early Childhood Education, NEW! Teaching excellence in Science, technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Nomination Deadline: January 12, 2018. (Copy Attached)

-Bill 28 – the school act amendments passed on October 15, 2017, and is now law. The board and administration has not had the opportunity to review this document fully and will be speaking to it after it has been reviewed.

-Next Board Meeting November 28, 2017

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns. My cell number is 403-485-0823, and my email is [lorelei.bexte@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:lorelei.bexte@pallisersd.ab.ca)