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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS September 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: The following highlights are not an official record of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7. They are intended to provide a brief overview of the Regular Board Meeting. For a complete record, please refer to the official [minutes](#) of the meeting.

- Chair Volorney presented Trustee Webster with a plaque and 5-year pin and Trustee Schaffrick with a 10-year pin and jacket in recognition of their years of service to Pembina Hills. The awards are a follow-up from the 2012 Pembina Hills Long Service Awards.
- The Board amended Guiding Principle GP-G #2. The amendment was required to accommodate the current practice of the Board to hold Regular Board Meetings the 2nd Wednesday of May and June at selected schools/service areas and the 4th Wednesday of May and June at Regional Office.
- The Board added the 'C:2' Committee to their Guiding Principle – GP-H Committees of the Board. As set up in section C:2 of the Framework Agreement between the Province of Alberta, ATA, and ASBA – the joint committee will design, direct and conduct internal reviews to determine what jurisdiction-initiated tasks or policies can be eliminated or modified to reduce teacher workload and improve teacher efficacy.
- Assistant Superintendent of Employee Services and Facilities & Transportation Wendy Scinski provided the Human Resources Accountability Report, including the links with the Education Plan – recruitment, retention and succession planning for staff within Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7. The Board regularly receives accountability reports from various departments, as outlined in their Annual Workplan.
- The Board reviewed and discussed amendments to Guiding Principle C- Role of Trustee, which includes a list of events Trustees were encouraged to attend on behalf of the Board. The intent of the proposed addition of an Events section under GP-C is to provide guidelines and clarity for Trustees, as well as schools/service areas, when requesting Trustee representation at events.
- The Board discussed and completed the ASBA Governance Task Force survey on transformation of school boards.
- The Board amended Guiding Principle GP-G #10 Trustee Compensation, Memberships and Attendance at Conferences. The amendments are a result of the 10% decrease in funding for Board and System Administration in the 2013-2014 school year.
- The Board authorized the closure of the Regional Services Office and ADLC for the period December 24, 2013 – January 1, 2014 inclusive.
- The Board changed the location of the September 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting to Barrhead Composite High School and the January 22, 2014 Regular Board Meeting to Barrhead Outreach.

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- Superintendent Symyrozum-Watt provided an information update on Pembina North Community School, including a recently published newsletter to parents from the Pembina North School community providing a general summary of the work of the Transition Team over the past few months and a brief preview of the 'jobs to do' for the team next year.
- The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on September 25, 2013 at Barrhead Composite High School. The public is welcome to stop by during the meeting.
- Please refer to the Pembina Hills website (www.phrd.ab.ca) for a complete listing of 2013-2014 Regular Board Meeting dates and locations.