



Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS **June 25, 2014 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.

- The Board received an information report on Vista Virtual School from Principal Mike Loitz and Associate Principal Frank McCallum.
 - Vista Virtual School is a Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 community school that serves a large and diverse student population in a distributed learning environment.
 - The school partners with ADLC, like other community schools in Pembina Hills and the province.
 - While the operations of Vista Virtual School and ADLC are separated to maintain transparency, there are specific areas where they partner for efficiency purposes. In areas where they partner, Vista Virtual reimburses funds to ADLC for providing the service.
 - Vista Virtual School has 3,264 students to date in the 2013-2014 school year and is funded for approximately 500 full-time-equivalent students.
 - Vista Virtual School's student population is very diverse and resides in 178 communities in Alberta.

- The Board discussed their prior motion made at the January 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting supporting, in principle, a School Resource Officer program for schools served within the Westlock Ward of Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7, subject to partnership with municipalities within the Westlock Ward.

- Trustees received a tour of the Alberta Distance Learning Centre.

- The Board adopted the 2014-2015 to 2016-2017 ADLC Education Plan summary of key strategies.

- Assistant Superintendent of Employee Services Wendy Scinski and Director of Facilities & Transportation Tracy Tyreman presented the recommended disposition process for W.R. Frose School and Jarvie School.
 - Public meetings will be held on July 16, 2014 at Jarvie School and W.R. Frose School for the purpose of entering into discussion with the communities to determine the best possible use for the buildings.

- The Board created a Policy Committee, comprised of the Vice-Chair, two (2) trustees, and Superintendent designate. The mandate of the Committee will review guiding principles and policies of Pembina Hills, recommending any changes to the Board of Trustees.
 - Vice Chair Lefebvre, Trustee Hoffart, and Trustee Tuininga will serve on the Policy Committee.

- ASBA Communications Director Suzanne Lundrigan will be requested to facilitate a communications workshop for the Board in the fall of 2014.

Board Highlights of the June 25, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

- The Board received the Pembina Hills and ADLC financial statements for the nine (9) month period ending May 31, 2014 for information purposes.
- The Board approved the amendments to the ADLC Service Agreement for the two (2) year period ending August 31, 2016.
- The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on August 20, 2014 at the Regional Services Office.
- The Board encourages the public to attend their Board Meetings. Please refer to the [Pembina Hills website](#) for a complete listing of meeting dates and locations.