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### **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS** **May 13, 2015 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.

- As part of the Board's commitment to host Regular Board Meetings once per month at Community Schools, the May 13, 2015 Regular Board Meeting was held at Westlock Outreach School.
  - In total, approximately 80 students access the Westlock Outreach School
- Principal Garbutt and Teacher Heather Ross provided the School Report, including an overview of the outreach program and its importance to the students who access the program and services. The School is an extension of R. F. Staples Secondary School. Outreach works to accommodate students at their appropriate level, where they are able to achieve and move forward.
- The Board adopted amendments to Guiding Principles A-F, as recommended by the Policy Committee.
  - Included in the amendments under Guiding Principle A – Division Foundational Statements, was a change to the Purpose/Mission Statement to the following:
    - Our purpose is to ensure the delivery of an excellent education to our students so they become ethical citizens who contribute to society.
  - The change in wording from 'good citizens' to 'ethical citizens' aligns with the concepts of Inspiring Education.
- The Board approved a one-year pilot project for the Barrhead Elementary School Preschool Readiness Education Program (PREP) wherein additional typical students are allowed to register, subject to the conditions outlined in the administrative recommendation received as part of the May 13, 2015 Regular Board agenda schedule.
- The Board adopted the amendments to Guiding Principle H – Committees of the Board that were recommended by the Policy Committee. The changes will be effective following the August 19, 2015 Organizational Meeting.
- The Board approved the 2015-2016 Co-op Pool budget and adopted the 2015-2016 Allocation Formula.
  - The allocation formula distributes financial resources to Pembina Hills schools and service areas in order that the schools and services areas may prepare their 2015-2016 operating budget plans, under the site-based decision making model. The consolidated 2015-2016 operating budget will be presented to the Board for their consideration at their June 24, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

- The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2015-2016 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) budget and proposed by-law amendments that will be discussed as part of the 2015 ASBA Spring General Meeting.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 proposed policy positions that will be considered at the May 22, 2015 Zone 2/3 meeting for submission to ASBA for consideration at the 2015 ASBA Fall General Meeting. ASBA Zone 2/3 is allowed to submit a maximum of six policy positions.
- The Board approved in principle two international field trips:
  - Barrhead Composite High School – France and the Netherlands scheduled from April 6-15, 2017, to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy Ridge
  - R.F. Staples Secondary School – Netherlands, Belgium and France scheduled from March 24 – April 3, 2016
- The Board approved the alternate school year calendars for the Colony Schools and Pembina North Community School.
  - Pursuant to Administrative Procedure 60-05 School Year Calendars, the Board is required to provide initial approval for alternate school year calendars.
  - The Board also received as information, the alternate school year calendars for Dunstable School, Eleanor Hall School, Fort Assiniboine School, Neerlandia Public Christian School and Swan Hills School.
  - The 2015-2016 Pembina Hills calendar as well as the alternate school year calendars can be found on the [Pembina Hills website](#).
- The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Regional Services Office in Barrhead.
- 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.