



Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS **May 27, 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.

- The Board discussed the Report of the ASBA Task Force on Strengthening Alberta School Board's Association Provincial Voice as well as the amended proposed amendment to Bylaw 11 that will be considered at the June 1, 2015 ASBA Spring General Meeting.
- The Board approved in principle the request from Barrhead Composite High School to participate in an international field trip to the British Isles scheduled for March 23 – April 2, 2016.
- The Board adopted Policy 100-2 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Environments as presented and recommended by the Policy Committee.
- Assistant Superintendent of Education Services Mark Thiesen presented the 2014-2015 Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 Satisfaction Survey results.
 - Satisfaction survey are one (1) set of measures that Pembina Hills uses to inform future strategies.
 - The survey results enhance information gleaned from the provincial accountability pillar survey.
 - Data is summarized into themes – Administration/Leadership; Safe and Caring Environment; Character Education; Satisfaction with Instruction; Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities; Special Education Services; Education Technology; School and Community Partnerships; Overall Quality of Education
 - 95.7% of parents have access to the internet at home (increase of 3% over the past 3 years)
 - 90.2% of students have access to the internet with a mobile device (increase of 5.5% over the past 3 years)
 - 72.1% of parents responded that they check information online about their child's life in school (attendance, marks, progress, etc). 71.80% of students responded that they have looked online in e-portfolios, PowerSchool, etc, for information about their life in schools (eg. assignments, attendance, marks, etc)
 - 93% overall satisfaction rate with the overall quality of education in PHRD
- Assistant Secretary Treasurer Grant Widdup provided an overview of the Alberta Schools Commodity Purchasing Consortia (CPC) – Bull Creek Wind Power project that Pembina Hills is participating in, along with 26 other school jurisdictions across the province.
 - The Board approved the Bull Creek Wind Project resolutions as presented.
- The Board agreed to retain membership to the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) based on the following:
 - Timely and responsive advocacy efforts by PSBAA on the budget implication of the provincial budget that was tabled March 26, 2015
 - The 3-year plan of PSBAA meets the needs of Pembina Hills
 - PSBAA's demonstrated efficiency in responding to needs of the membership

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- The Board passed a motion to withdraw membership in GROWTH Alberta effective January 1, 2016
 - Current membership fees to GROWTH Alberta is \$6,078. Considering the cost of meeting attendance and travel, the total cost in 2013-2014 was approximately \$8,700.
 - The Board agreed to utilize the \$8,700 for other strategies that more directly impact students and their achievement, noting their commitment to continue to meet with each of the municipalities within Pembina Hills to discuss issues and opportunities of mutual interest and benefit.

- Assistant Superintendent of Employee Services and Facilities & Transportation Wendy Scinski presented an Information Report on the Pembina Hills Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP)
 - The EFAP program is often viewed as a proactive approach to address issues that may be affecting an individual's well-being by either resolving a variety of personal, family and work-related issues or taking preventative and proactive steps in developing and maintaining healthy habits.
 - ASEBP (Alberta School Employees' Benefit Plan) made a decision to provide EFAP services to their member boards effective January 1, 2015. There is no additional premium charge for this services (other than those employees not eligible to contribute to Extended Disability Benefit premiums – currently this involves 29 Pembina Hills employees). ASEBP has contracted Homewood Health to be the EFAP provider for member boards.

- Secretary Treasurer Tracy Meunier presented the internal financial statements for Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 and the Alberta Distance Learning Centre for the eight (8) month period ending April 30, 2015.

- The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 10, 2015 at Pembina North Community School.

- 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.