

Board Highlights - September 23, 2015



We provide these highlights as a quick overview of PHRD Board of Trustees' meetings. Please see the [official minutes](#) for the complete record of the board's decisions.

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PHRD Board of Trustees to focus on community engagement and communications next year

As part of its annual self-evaluation, the PHRD Board of Trustees identified its priorities for the year. This year the board will:

- Enact a Community Engagement plan to support the attendance area review
- Advocate with the new MLAs and Alberta Education
- Develop a PHRD Communications plan which includes the board
- Continue monitoring the proposed Education Act and the need for policy changes
- Be involved in teacher bargaining as collective agreements expire August 31, 2016

Parents of typically-developing children attending early learning programs want PHRD to reinstate busing

Last June, the PHRD Board of Trustees decided it would no longer provide busing to typically developing children attending early learning programs. These children are not funded by Alberta Education. Several parents attended the September 23 board meeting to ask the school board to reconsider this decision. The board will consider this matter at the October 7 board meeting.

School board to provide 2nd express bus to transport students from Barrhead to Neerlandia next year

The school board voted to provide a 2nd express bus to transport students from the Town of Barrhead to Neerlandia for the 2016-17 school year – as long as the PHRD buses on this route are at least 60 per cent full. Bus fees for this express bus service will align with the fees set for division students travelling to programs of choice within PHRD. The new PHRD express bus will replace the service currently provided by the Neerlandia Christian Education Society (affiliated with Neerlandia Public Christian School). There is not enough room on the existing PHRD express bus travelling to Neerlandia.

School board revises policy regarding trustees serving on internal/external committees

The school board revised its policy guiding trustee appointments to external and internal committees. The changes included adding a preamble and clarifying how trustees will be assigned to committees. The revised policy is [here](#).

Vacant W.R. Frose School available to interested individuals/community groups

Individuals or groups interested in assuming responsibility for the now-vacant W.R. Frose School in Fawcett have until October 15 to advise PHRD administration of their interest. Details are [here](#).

The next board meeting is October 7 at the PHRD Regional Services Office starting at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.