

Board Highlights – October 7, 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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School board directs Busby School to recite Lord's Prayer

In response to Principal **Nadine Marchand's** recommendation, the school board voted to direct Busby Elementary School to recite the Lord's Prayer as part of the school's opening exercises subject to [AP 20-04](#). The school board's decision came after consultation with the Busby school community through the school council. In Alberta, a school board may direct that the Lord's Prayer be recited as part of a school's opening exercises. If the prayer is recited, the school principal must make accommodations for students whose parents don't want their children to participate in the Lord's Prayer.

First meeting is Nov. 18 in Fort Assiniboine

School board to consult community as it reviews school attendance areas

The school board will host 8 meetings and launch an online survey to gather community input as it reviews PHRD's school attendance areas. School attendance areas determine which school a student is designated to attend. The school board wants to determine if the existing attendance areas support the needs of the division's schools and communities. See the PHRD website for community meeting dates.

PHRD reinstates bus service for typically-developing children attending early learning programs

In response to parent requests, the school board voted to reinstate bus service to typically-developing students attending PHRD early learning programs under the following conditions:

1. Transportation will be from existing bus stops only
2. The safety of the other students on the bus is not compromised
3. Service to the other students is not compromised
4. Transporting a typically-developing child does not require installation of a harness on the bus
5. There is room on the bus
6. Prepayment of a fee of \$175 per child
7. The child may only ride the bus on the days he/she attends an early learning program
8. The child must follow PHRD bus rules

Kim Webster elected acting vice-chair

Vice-chair **Sheri Watson** will be taking a leave of absence from her duties as vice-chair from Oct. 8 to Nov. 30. She will continue as the trustee representing the Town of Swan Hills. The school board elected **Kim Webster** to serve as acting vice-chair.

What's up at the Alberta Distance Learning Centre

ADLC's Assistant Superintendent **Cam Oulton** and Director **Brett Cooper** shared an update with the school board. They presented this [PowerPoint](#) outlining: ADLC enrolment, where students who access ADLC services come from and describing innovative programs like Welding and Rig Simulators and Robotics.

The next board meeting is Oct. 28 at Barrhead Composite High School starting at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.