

Board Highlights – October 28, 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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Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Exam results exceed provincial averages in Gr 6 English, Gr 9 French, and Gr 12 Science and Math

Assistant Superintendent Mark Thiesen shared PHRD's results on the annual Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) and Diploma Exams. His full report is [here](#).

On the PAT's:

- Grade 6 English Language Arts and Grade 9 French Language Arts had improved results and exceeded the province
- Grade 6 Math and Science were on par with the province
- Grade 9 English, Math and Science were on par with the province
- Grade 6 French, Social Studies and Grade 9 Social Studies were lower than the province
- Grade 3 students did not participate in PAT's as they have transitioned to Student Learning Assessments

On the Diploma Exams:

- English Language Arts and Social Studies saw improved results and were on par with the province
- Physics and Chemistry saw improved results but are still slightly behind the province
- Biology and Science remain strong - Biology was on par with the province and Science exceeded the province
- Math 30-1 was on par with the province and Math 30-2 exceeded the province

Trustees receive updated process for receiving citizen concerns

Trustees received an update about the communication process for receiving citizen concerns. This [communication protocol](#) outlines how parents and community members can alert the division to issues.

Student enrolment down 2% this year

This year, Pembina Hills Regional Division community schools will serve 94 fewer students: 76 fewer students enrolled in Kindergarten and 18 fewer students enrolled in Grades 1 to 12. The enrolment report is [here](#). As well as teaching 3,910 students who attend our 11 community schools, two Hutterite Colony Schools and two outreach schools, PHRD operates Vista Virtual School and the Alberta Distance Learning Centre – which serve respectively 5,800 and 40,724 students (these enrolments equal 500 and 5,557 Full Time Equivalents).

BCHS staff showcase their commitment to student learning

Principal Steven Kaplan and Associate Principal Prakash Raju provided an overview of their school, including a focus on their High School Flexibility Project and High School Redesign. This year BCHS launched their investigation into High School Redesign. See the [minutes](#) for more details about their presentation.

ADLC and Regional Offices closed - Christmas break

The board approved requests to close the ADLC office and Regional Services office from December 24, 2015 to January 1, 2016. Both offices will re-open on January 4.

The next board meeting is Nov. 9 at the Regional Services Office in Barrhead starting at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.