

Board Highlights – December 9, 2015



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

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School board discusses international field trips

Pembina Hills Public Schools makes decisions about international travel on a case-by-case basis guided by [Policy 26 Field Trips, Excursions and Tours](#) and [AP 60-03 Field Trips, Excursions, National and International Tours](#). When assessing the safety of travelling to an international destination, PHPS administration checks Government of Canada websites and the destination country's websites. In the spring, the board had approved in principle two international field trips. At the December 9 meeting the school board made the following decisions about these trips:

- **Board rescinds permission for R. F. Staples international trip**
R.F. Staples administration asked the school board to rescind its May 13 motion giving the school permission to travel to the Netherlands, Belgium and France. Having the school board cancel the trip means students will be eligible for a refund from the tour company.
- **Board approves BCHS Travel Club visit to New York City**
Originally the BCHS travel club had planned to go to the British Isles. Based on its review of threat levels, division administration recommended the club travel to a North American destination instead. The school board approved this change.

Kim Webster to serve on new Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association

Vice-chair Kim Webster will serve as Pembina Hills Public Schools representative on the new Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA), which will be created when Bill 8 becomes legislation. TEBA will represent school boards in collective bargaining with the Alberta Teachers' Association. Details about this new organization are available [here](#).

Division provides class size reports

As per an Alberta Education requirement, school boards must post information about class sizes on their division website. The PHPS 2015-2016 class size report is available [here](#). This [PowerPoint](#) provides context and background information.

Eleanor Hall School Report

Principal Don Hinks and Associate Principal Raime Drake presented an overview of Eleanor Hall School including its Education Plan priorities and goals.

School Council Chair Lori Borduzak presented the Eleanor Hall School Council Report. See [pages 2924-2926](#) of the minutes for details.

The next board meeting is January 13, 2016 at Regional Office in Barrhead starting at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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