

Board Highlights – January 26, 2016



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Board to gather feedback via 2 community input sessions and online survey

School board proposes change to bus service for students who choose not to attend their community school

Based on input gathered through the first round of attendance area review community consultations, the school board is seeking community input about this *proposed* change to bus service for students who choose to attend an out-of-attendance-area school:

“Students – who choose not to attend their local community school – will not be allowed to ride a transfer bus or other bus across an attendance area boundary to an out-of-attendance-area school.”

Before the school board makes a decision about this **proposal** on March 2, it is seeking community input via an online survey (available Feb 1-18) and at two community input evenings:

Feb 17: Barrhead Elementary School Gym at 7 p.m.

Feb 18: Westlock Elementary School Gym at 7 p.m.

The detailed proposal and consultation plan will be posted [here](#).

Pembina North Community School to recite Lord's Prayer

As recommended by Principal **Darcie Eamor**, the school board directed Pembina North Community School to recite the Lord's Prayer as part of the school's opening exercises.

Division to install blinds in schools: lockdown safety measure

As recommended by school administrators, the school board is investing \$98,700 to install blinds in the division's schools. The blinds are a safety feature which will be used if and when a school is placed in lockdown.

School board sets reimbursement rate: board use of personal mobile devices

The school board approved the following reimbursements for using personal mobile devices:

- Chair - \$40/month
- Vice-chair - \$30/month
- Trustees - \$20/month

New Principal Advisory Council at R. F. Staples Secondary School

Principal **Courtney Lawrance** highlighted two of the High School Re-design principles that R. F. Staples is focusing on: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Schools and meaningful relationships.

Grade 7 students **Jesslyn** and **Dara** spoke to the school board about R.F. Staples' new *Principal Advisory Council*, noting the council gives students an opportunity to be heard – and to contribute to making R.F. Staples a safe and caring school.

The next board meeting is February 10, 2016 at Regional Office in Barrhead starting at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.