

Board Highlights – April 27, 2016



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School board makes 17 changes to attendance areas

Details about the new attendance areas, which will be implemented on August 31, 2016, are [here](#).

Following a six-month review, which included consulting the community at three junctures, the school board made 17 changes to school attendance areas.

“Our student enrolment is dropping. Ensuring all our community schools have enough students to stay open was a key consideration as we made these decisions,” said board chair Jennifer Tuininga. “These were hard decisions to make; we know this will be disruptive to some families, but we also need to focus on the future of our school division as a whole.”

To ease the transition to the new attendance areas, the school board made exceptions for these students:

- Current Grade 7 and 8 students, who live in the expanded Fort Assiniboine attendance area, may finish Jr. High at Barrhead Composite High School. They will be able to ride the transfer bus from Fort Assiniboine School to BCHS for free.
- A current Grade 5 student, who lives in the expanded Dunstable attendance area, may finish elementary school at Ecole Barrhead Elementary School. This student will be able to ride the transfer bus from Dunstable School to BES for free.
- Current Grade 7 and 8 students, who live in the expanded Pembina North attendance area who attend R.F. Staples or St. Mary School may access the transfer bus from PNCS in order to finish Jr. High at their current school. Students living in what was formerly the Westlock attendance area may ride the transfer bus from Pembina North Community School for free. Students living in what was formerly the Eleanor Hall attendance area may ride the transfer bus at a cost. The fee is \$450/year.

The school board also:

- asked administration to research the cost of running dual buses (one bus running to Neerlandia and another running to Barrhead) in the Barrhead attendance area south of the new Neerlandia boundary. **Note:** Students in the Neerlandia attendance area may attend either Neerlandia Public Christian School or a regular program in Barrhead. Administration will report back to the school board on June 8.
- urged administration to minimize "back-tracking" for students who travel to school on transfer buses.

Next steps will see division administration review the rules for busing students who choose to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Staff will present these administrative procedures at the May 11 board meeting.

Adult Learning and Literacy Council dissolved

At the request of the Barrhead and District Adult Learning & Literacy Council, the school board passed a motion to dissolve the council. PHPS is the legal host authority for the council.

Board adopts co-op pool budget

The [co-op pool](#) pays for common services used by schools.

The next board meeting is May 11, 2016 at Barrhead Outreach School starting at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.