

Board Highlights – May 25, 2016



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This is an overview of the PHPS Board of Trustees' meeting. See the [meeting minutes](#) for a complete record of the board's decisions.

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How to enrol in a school of choice

While we encourage families to enrol in their designated school, parents may choose to send a child to a different school. Administration presented the [process](#) parents will follow to submit these requests to the school. The application form is available [here](#) and will be circulated to schools. Parents must complete a form for all children attending a school of choice.

Apply to ride a bus to a school of choice on June 6

If parents choose to send their child to a school of choice – not their designated school – they will have to arrange transportation for that child. Administration outlined the [options](#) available to parents. See [this section](#) of the division website for information about transportation fees and application forms.

What are the options?

- a) Parents may drive the child to the school.
- b) Parents may drive the child to a bus stop within the school of choice's attendance area to catch a bus. This option is available *if there is room on the bus*.
- c) Parents may apply for a seat on a transfer bus travelling to the school of choice. This option is available *if there is room on the transfer bus* – and for a fee of \$450/student per year.

Starting June 6, parents may apply for a seat on a transfer bus or other bus travelling to a school of choice. The form will be available [here](#).

Seats are limited and will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis giving priority to:

- 1) students who currently ride a PHPS bus to a requested school
- 2) students whose designated school changed because of the attendance area review
- 3) new applicants. **Note:** Siblings, who are not currently riding a PHPS bus to a requested school, are considered new applicants.

Because seats are limited, parents are encouraged to explore other transportation options.

R.F. Staples Secondary School students to build houses in Guatemala

The board approved in principle a request from the R.F. Staples Secondary School Leadership Group to travel to Guatemala in July 2017 to build homes and participate in eco-tourism.

Our schools have raised more than \$150,000 through Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Foundation thanked our schools for raising over \$150,000 over the past 10 years. The next runs take place in September 2016.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Busby School starting at 9:30 a.m. Our meetings are open to the public.