

# Board Highlights – June 8, 2016



## About Board Highlights

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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## Outcomes: Non-union support staff discussions

Having concluded discussions with the division's non-union support staff, the school board adopted this [handbook](#) which outlines salaries and benefits for these employees. See page 2 of the handbook for key changes for the coming year including:

- An increase to baseline salaries (grids) for some positions to bring them into line with salaries paid for similar positions in other jurisdictions.
- Cost of living adjustments for these employees will be revisited when ATA and CUPE collective agreements are ratified.

## Dual transportation zone deemed too costly – will not proceed

PHPS will not designate the area south and west of Shoal Lake as a dual-transportation zone because it is too expensive. In a dual transportation zone, students are given the option of free busing to a choice of schools – in this case it would have been schools in Barrhead or Neerlandia.

## Students earn post-secondary and high school credits at the same time in Health Care Aide dual-credit program

PHPS' Health Care Aide dual credit program allows students to earn 25 high school credits and a post-secondary certificate as a Health Care Aide. Graduates are immediately employable in health care and they have a head start if they choose to take more courses after high school. Next year PHPS students will be able to complete these NAIT courses through independent study: Personal Fitness Trainer; Anatomy, Physiology and Medical Terminology and Medical First Responder. Read the complete [report](#).

## Literacy strategy working for kids

According to this [report](#), students in PHPS are examples of success as a result of the PHPS literacy strategy.

## What a School Resource Officer does?

RCMP Constable Robert Hynes is the School Resource Officer for Barrhead Elementary School, Barrhead Composite High School, Dunstable School, Fort Assiniboine School and Neerlandia Public Christian Schools. He outlined his work with these schools. See [page 2985](#) of the board minutes for details. The schools contribute 50 per cent of the funds for his position. The Town of Barrhead, County of Barrhead and Woodlands County contribute the rest.

## Busby School uses project-based learning to help students succeed

The school board met at Busby School. See [page 2983](#) of the meeting minutes for details about Principal Nadine Marchand's presentation of the school's highlights.

## August board meeting rescheduled

The August 24, 2016 board meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, August 22.

**The next board meeting** is Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at Regional Office in Barrhead starting at 9:30 a.m. Our meetings are open to the public.