

Trustee Report

R.F. Staples School Parent Council

Organizational Meeting

At our organizational meeting Trustee Tuininga was nominated as Chair and I was nominated as Vice chair. I am no longer the representative for Rural Caucus but have taken on trustee representation on CONEX – Westlock and District Community of Network Excellence

Maintenance Summer Work – Parking lot, mechanical upgrade and air circulation work at WES

RFS/Outreach – Lighting upgrade, PA replacement, Washrooms, Rooftop unit was replaced for the computer lab AC, security upgrades and Outreach was moved to the old WJS building

Board Highlights in Westlock News

As a Board we have agreed to continue publishing the board highlights in the local papers. Westlock News, Barrhead Leader, and Grizzly Gazette The cost is \$9,000 per year. I would appreciate feedback as to whether people are actually looking at these in the paper.

Name Change

As per the ministerial order, our name has been changed to Pembina Hills School Division. As a board we debated which name to keep as an official name versus a communication name. As we have had 3 names, Pembina Hills Regional Division, Pembina Hills Public Schools and now Pembina Hills School Division, we agreed to move forward with Pembina Hills School Division. We are trying to incur limited costs so as signage needs to be replaced we will adopt the new name.

School Fees

No fees will be charged for textbooks, photocopying, printing or paper supplies. Fees can be charged for optional courses, extra curricular activities and unique supplies.

Board areas of Focus

The Board also adopted the following areas of focus for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Align policies and procedures with the new Education Act
- Secure a service agreement for Alberta Distance Learning Centre
- Consider the reality of shrinking reserves and declining enrolment as we await the provincial budget
- Review of the number of trustees on the board as in completing a ward review.

Policy Committee

As Vice chair I head up the policy committee – we will be looking at many policy changes given the new Education Act.

Exemplary Achievement Awards

- I would encourage you to nominate staff, contracted services personnel, a member of the community, parent volunteer or someone from support services. This can be done online.

Citizenship Awards

Just a reminder that we are looking for parents, staff, students and community members to nominate students who show strong citizenship characteristics to receive citizenship awards. This can be done online.

ASCA choice in education survey.

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