

Board Highlights



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Wetaskiwin Composite High School Modernization Announced

On Monday January 27, 2014 the Honorable Verlyn Olsen, MLA for Wetaskiwin-Camrose announced that the provincial government Building Alberta Plan is investing in several modernization projects across the province one of which will be the Wetaskiwin Composite High School. The announcement included details that would involve upgrades to the mechanical and electrical systems including air handlers and water systems, exterior including roofing and interior including ceiling finishes. The Interior of the school will be modified to make better use of space and better meet specialized programming needs such as Career and Technology Centers.

Wetaskiwin Composite High School - Fire

On Monday January 20, 2014 a fire was started in one of the washrooms of the Wetaskiwin Composite High School's. An extensive restoration commenced on the evening of January 20 and by January 30, 2014 the majority of the restoration had been completed. Damage and restoration was estimated at approximately \$200,000.00. Outstanding at this time is the reconstruction of the girls washroom and the boys change room.

Employee Recognition and Appreciation Plan 2013-2014

The Board has approved a new Employee Recognition and Appreciation Plan for 2013-2014. Each site will be provided with a \$20.00 per employee for the purpose of recognition and appreciation of staff. The Annual Board Recognition evening will be held on May 9, 2014.

Board Meeting Time Change

The Board and Board Committees meeting start times for January 14, 28, February 11, 25, March 11 & 25 meetings will commence at 12:30 p.m. to all allow Trustees time to attend Trustee School visits.

Board Policies

The Board approved revisions to Board Policy 1: Division Foundations and Philosophical Commitments. The Board approved revisions to Board Policy 19: Wellness

Wahkotowin FNMI Consultation Report

The Wahkotowin FNMI Consultation report which was compiled last year includes recommendations and direction for implementation in this school year. The Board adopted the report.

Provincial Exceptions Committee

The Ministerial Order indicates that if a school jurisdiction believes one or more of its schools cannot achieve the 907 hours of instruction per full time teacher per year, they submit a letter to the Provincial Exceptions Committee seeking exception for those schools. The Board authorized the Superintendent to draft and submit the requisite letter to the Provincial Exceptions Committee.

Public Consultation – Falun School

The Board discussed organizing a public consultation with the Falun School community to discuss the possible consolidation of the Lakedell and Pipestone Schools to Falun.

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