



HPSD Board of Trustees meeting highlights

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HIGH PRAIRIE, AB – High Prairie School Division’s Board of Trustees held its regular monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at central office in High Prairie.

School Year Calendars approved

The Board passed a motion from Trustee Monica Edwards that the proposed 2010-2011 School Year Calendars be approved as amended. HPSD has four School Year Calendars for the division including: High Prairie/Joussard, Kinuso, Falher/Donnelly and Slave Lake. The calendars provide a detailed breakdown of the number of operational days, instructional days and holidays during the course of any given school year.

Roland Michener field trip approved in full

The Board passed a motion from Trustee Lenny Richer granting “Approval in Full” to Roland Michener Secondary School’s proposed field trip to Egypt (April 2 – 10, 2010).

Accountability Pillar Surveys

The Board passed a motion from Trustee Lenny Richer for High Prairie School Division to submit a letter to Alberta Education expressing concern that many parents of grade 4, 7 and 10 students have not received an Accountability Pillar Survey this year.

In public, separate and francophone schools, all teachers, Grade 4, 7 and 10 students and their parents are surveyed. The results – which are used to evaluate school authority performance on the Accountability Pillar – collects data on student achievement from Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams in addition to information on perceived quality of education using survey data from students, parents, and teachers. This process is conducted annually between January and March.

HPSD’s Board acknowledged the importance of (parents) filling out the surveys and returning the information to Alberta Education, noting that lack of participation can negatively affect the school division’s overall score.

Next Board meeting

The next HPSD Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at central office in High Prairie. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

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Monthly Board meeting highlights are available on the HPSD website at www.hpsd48.ab.ca under “News Releases.” For additional information contact HPSD Superintendent Laura Poloz at 780-523-3337 or HPSD Communications Officer Kevin Laliberte at 780-837-3337.

