



HPSD 48 Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting results

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HIGH PRAIRIE, AB – High Prairie School Division’s Board of Trustees held its October organizational and regular meeting on Oct. 15, 2009 at HPSD’s central office in High Prairie.

No changes at Chair and Vice Chair positions

Joyce Dvornek maintained her role as Chair of HPSD’s Board of Trustees by acclamation following a call for nominations by HPSD Superintendent Laura Poloz. Dvornek was nominated by Trustee Lenny Richer.

Also maintaining his position by acclamation as Board of Trustees Vice Chair was Trustee Richer, who was nominated by Trustee Rick Neidig.

Standing Committee appointments approved

Standing Committee appointments of the Board were set as follows based on a motion from Trustee Richer:

- Trustees Karin Scholl and Monica Edwards (alternate) and an Assistant Superintendent (in an advisory capacity) to the Alberta School Boards Association for Languages Education.
- Trustees Lenny Richer, Joyce Dvornek and Gary Doran (as alternate), the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent of Business and the Director of Transportation to the Board/Bus Drivers’ Liaison Committee.
- Trustees Rick Neidig, Karin Scholl, Rudy Willier as well as the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Business to the Board/Teacher Liaison Committee.
- Committee of the Whole (all trustees), the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Finance to the Finance Committee.
- Trustees Joyce Dvornek, Karin Scholl, Gary Doran and Rudy Willier (alternate) as well as the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendents of Business and Finance to the Bus Drivers' Salary Negotiations and Interpretation Committee.
- Trustees Joyce Dvornek and Karin Scholl (alternate) as trustee representatives for the Director, Zone 1, ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association).
- Committee of the Whole, the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and the Assistant Superintendent of Business to the Planning and Priorities Committee.
- One or two trustee(s) from the immediate school area of the student and one Central

Office person (as designated by Superintendent) to the Pupil Personnel Committee.

- Trustees Karin Scholl and Gary Doran (alternate), and an Assistant Superintendent to the Regional Resource Management Committee.
- Trustees Joyce Dvornek, Lenny Richer, Gary Doran and Rick Neidig (alternate) in addition to the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and the Assistant Superintendent of Business to the Teachers' Salary Negotiations and Interpretation Committee.
- Trustees Lenny Richer and Joyce Dvornek (alternate) to the Public School Boards' Association Council.
- Trustees Monica Edwards, Rick Neidig and Lenny Richer for Trustee Professional Development.

Regular meeting dates for 2009-2010 approved

A motion by Trustee Gary Doran to establish the following meeting dates, locations and times was approved by the Board:

November 18, 2009 (E.G. Wahlstrom School in Slave Lake), December 16, 2009 (G.P. Vanier School in Donnelly), January 20, 2010 (HPSD Central Office in High Prairie), February 17, 2010 (Central Office in High Prairie), March 17, 2010 (HPSD Central Office in High Prairie), April 21, 2010 (Ecole Routhier School in Falher), May 19, 2010 (C.J. Schurter School in Slave Lake), June 16, 2010 (HPSD Central Office in High Prairie), August 18, 2010 (HPSD Central Office in High Prairie), September 15, 2010 (Kinuso School) and October 20, 2010 (regular and organizational meetings at HPSD Central Office in High Prairie).

Alternate meeting dates were set up for the fourth Wednesday of the month. All meetings will commence at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m.

Authority delegated to Pupil Personnel Committee

The Board passed a motion from Trustee Richer delegating authority to the Pupil Personnel Committee for expulsion of students from its schools if necessary. This authority will remain in effect until the Board's 2010 Organizational Meeting.

2010 Long Service Awards

The Board passed a motion by Trustee Richer to allocate June 18, 2010 as the date for HPSD's Long Service Awards. The awards will be held in High Prairie at a location to be determined administration.

Board Year Plan approved

Trustees endorsed the Board Year Plan as amended following a motion from Trustee Karin Scholl.

High Prairie School Division's Board of Trustees held its most recent board meeting Aug. 19, 2009, at Central Office in High Prairie.

HPSD hires Division Counselor/School Culture Coach

HPSD Superintendent Laura Poloz announced the addition of Chester Auger of Slave Lake to the position of Division Counselor/School Culture Coach, effective Aug. 25, 2009.

Auger is a former graduate of Roland Michener School and has been a teacher and vice-principal for the Bigstone Band School for the past 11 years.

The Superintendent also announced Kim Barker-Kay as acting principal for Prairie View Outreach School for the 2009-'10 school year. She replaces Dan McDonald.

Board supports request to change date of North Country Fair

The Board passed a motion from Trustee Karin Scholl supporting a request from Kinuso School Vice-Principal Brian Hay to have the annual North Country Fair date moved ahead to July as opposed to June. The request was made in an effort to help ensure that students' remain focused on their academic studies, including final exams.

Draft of Administrative Procedure 348 tabled until next meeting

Trustees endorsed a motion from Board Chair Joyce Dvornek to table discussion of Administrative Procedure 348 until next month's Board meeting. The draft policy deals with guidelines and procedures in reference to the prohibited use of illegal drugs and alcohol by students within the division.

Terms of reference for finance committee approved

The Board approved the terms of reference in relation to the formation of a finance committee comprised of the Board of Trustees. The intent of the committee is to monitor, evaluate, advise or make recommendations on matters affecting the financial and operational control policies and practices relating to the division, including external, internal or special audits.

Roland Michener field trip requests approved in principle

The Board gave its approval in principle to two resubmitted requests for proposed field trips by Roland Michener School in Slave Lake; one to Italy/Greece and the other to Egypt in April of 2010. The proposed field trip to Italy and Greece is from April 2 to 10, 2010, while the Greece field trip is from April 2 to 11. No classroom time will be missed.

E.W. Pratt field trip denied

The Board defeated a motion to support a proposed field trip (in principle) by E.W. Pratt High School to participate in the 65th Anniversary Celebrations of the Victory Tour In Europe (Holland) from April 29 to May 10, 2009. The Board's decision was based upon non-compliance to HPSD field trip guidelines which stipulate that all international field trips be planned outside of class time.

The Board was fully cognizant of the educational value of HPSD students being directly involved in the 65th Anniversary celebration but was not prepared to remove the requirement that the trip take place outside of class time.

"It's important to point out that we're not opposed to the trip per se," Trustee Karin Scholl explained, "it's the missed class time."

Board Chair Joyce Dvornek added "there's no question in my mind that this experience would be beneficial to students, however, it can't come at the expense of student achievement."

Board meeting date location changed

The Board endorsed a motion to change the location of the September 16, 2009, board meeting from Kinuso School to Central Office. The meeting commences at 10 a.m.

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Monthly board meeting highlights are also available for viewing on the HPSD website at www.hpsd.ab.ca under "News Releases." For additional information contact HPSD Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Laura Poloz at 780-523-3337 or HPSD Communications Officer Kevin Laliberte at 780-837-6638.