



Peace Wapiti Public School Division

Meeting Minutes

General School Councils Meeting April 19, 2023 - 6:30 PM

1 Meeting Logistics

The General School Councils Meeting was held via Google Meet. School Council members either joined the meeting remotely from their homes or met at their school. Supper was provided for those attending at their school, provided they registered.

2 Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Lori Grant.

3 Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the homeland of many diverse First Nations and Métis people and their ancestors here in Treaty 8 Territory.

4 Welcome and Introductions

Trustees and administration attending the meeting were introduced.

5 Division Update (Tr. Grant)

Trustee Grant shared highlights from the PWPSD Division Update (attached) with attendees:

- Dialogue Partners was hired by PWPSD administration in early 2023 to guide a conversation around junior high programming in the communities of Beaverlodge and Hythe. Dialogue Partners will be presenting to the Board on April 27, 2023.
- Alberta Education announced on March 14 that the walk limit would be lowered to 1 km for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 and to 2 km for students in Grades 7-12.
- The province approved planning funding for a new high school to replace existing Peace Wapiti Academy.
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6 ASCA Conference and AGM Information (Tr. Grant)

Trustee Grant provided information about the Alberta School Council Association's Annual Conference and AGM being held on April 23 and 24, 2023.

7 Keynote Speaker - Dr. Lisa Belanger (Asst. Supt. O'Shea)

Dr. Lisa Belanger gave an interactive presentation on a variety of mental health topics:

- transitioning back from the pandemic and supporting increased behaviors and academic gaps
- supporting mental wellness in children (anxiety for example)
- social media awareness (cell phone, snap chat and so on)
- parents taking care of themselves in order to be there for their children

8 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

9 Site Discussion



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2023 Division Update



Academic Awards of Excellence

On February 23, Peace Wapiti Public School Division (PWPSD) celebrated 17 graduates for their academic achievements throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Congratulations to all our award winners!

Pictured from left to right (back row): Daci Jones, Adam Twelvtree, Delaney Lafond, Gavin Skarberg, Kiera Heitrich, Zoe Lipon, Georgia Chipps, Adeyne Bell (for Abriel Bell) (front row): Bryndal Jones and Hayley Wilkins

Guiding Our Future

In early 2023, PWPSD Administration hired Dialogue Partners, a community engagement consulting firm, to help guide a conversation around junior high programming in Beaverlodge and Hythe. The Guiding Our Future team met with students, staff, parents and community members in Beaverlodge, Hythe, and Horse Lake First Nation to hear their thoughts and collect feedback to share with the Board. A final report of what we heard will be shared later this spring.



Transportation to be offered to more students

Beginning in September 2023, more PWPSD students will qualify for free transportation to and from school. The Province announced on March 14 that the walk limit would be lowered from the current 2.4 km to 1 km for students in Kindergarten-Grade 6 and to 2 km for students in Grades 7-12. For more information about the Division's transportation services visit www.pwpsd.ca.



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Harry Balfour Replacement School

The new Harry Balfour School is beginning to take shape! Located near Five Mile Hall east of Grande Prairie, the school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.



Province approves planning funding for new high school

Earlier this year the Province announced that the 2023 budget included planning funding for a new PWPSD high school. The new high school will be located north of the city of Grande Prairie and will replace the existing Peace Wapiti Academy. [Read more.](#)



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KINDERGARTEN
& NEW STUDENT
ONLINE REGISTRATION
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Myles Edgar and Stacy Rorem

Passionate Heart Award Winners

PWPSD staff were recognized for their dedication and exceptional service at this year's Passionate Heart Awards ceremony in February. Mr. Edgar of Beaverlodge Regional High School, Mrs. Rorem of Robert W. Zahara School, and the Peace Collaborative Services team were all award recipients at this year's event.



Peace Collaborative Services team members Carolyn Hovey-Johnson and Heather Craigdallie

Kindergarten & new student registration now open

Kindergarten and new student registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year is now open. For more information and to register visit www.pwpsd.ca/registration.

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten and New Student Registration is open!

Register online and learn more at www.pwpsd.ca/registration

Diploma Exams

April 17-24, June 12-27, August 1-10

ASCA Conference and AGM

April 21-23 in Edmonton, AB

Board Meetings

April 27, May 25, June 15

3D Charity Hockey & Soccer Tournament

Friday, May 12

Provincial Achievement Tests

May 15 & 17, June 16-27

Victoria Day

Monday, May 22 | No school, all PWPSD offices and shops closed

Graduation Ceremonies

May 6 - June 28 | Event information will be shared soon

Last day of school for students

Tuesday, June 27

Last day of school for staff

Wednesday, June 28

Update to Policy JC: School Councils

The Board has made an amendment to Policy JC - School Councils, which no longer requires school councils to provide a separate year-end report.

The minutes of the school council meetings that are maintained at the school shall now serve as the report. If applicable, the receipt, handling and use of money by the school council must be documented in the minutes.

Review [Policy JC - School Councils](#).

The PWPSD Division Update is a report on news from throughout the division, and produced for the annual General School Councils' Meeting.