

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 3, 2010

Administrative Procedure 516 - Purchasing

The Superintendent presented modifications to AP 516 to include a clause that supports purchasing from businesses in our various communities.

Discussion ensued regarding wording of AP 516 and access to information being made available to local vendors through the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) website. Local vendors will receive a reminder to visit this website to view PLRD tender opportunities.

Career and Technology Studies (CTS) Opportunities for Altario, Veteran, and Youngstown

The Deputy Superintendent will travel to High Level and Fort Vermillion on February 4 and 5, 2010, to investigate ways of enhancing CTS at Altario, Veteran, and Youngstown.

Recommendations regarding options for increased accessibility to CTS for these schools will be presented in March for Board consideration.

A Celebration of the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI)

The Board viewed a comprehensive video presentation which was compiled by AISI Lead Teacher, Christel Smith, showing different aspects of AISI and the positive affect AISI has had on teaching and learning in PLRD. PLRD has forwarded this information to Alberta Education.

PLRD Calendar 2010-2011

A copy of the draft calendar for the 2010-2011 school year was presented to the Board for consideration. The draft calendar was approved for circulation. School councils, parents and staff will review the calendar and provide input for the Board's at its February 24th meeting.

Board/School Council Meeting

The Board/School Council meeting is set to take place on April 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. held in Central Office with the option for video conferencing. Possible agenda items were discussed and will include a discussion about PLRD's plans to balance its budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Alberta Average Weekly Earnings Index (AAWEI)

The Board was informed by Vice-Chair Elaine Horner that the provincial arbitration between the Alberta Government and the Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) was settled at 5.99%. The Board passed a motion instructing administration to implement the necessary salary increase for teachers and school support staff as per their respective contracts.

Trustee Remuneration

Administrative staff had reviewed the provincial norms for trustee remuneration and recommended that remuneration for PLRD trustees be increased annually as per the AAWEI. Staff also recommended that the Board establish an annual stipend for the Chair and the Vice-chair. The Board passed a motion amending Policy 6 *Board Operations* to reflect the annual escalator as recommended by staff. Discussions on the Chair and Vice-chair stipends were tabled until the next meeting.

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