

Board Happenings

The following is a summary of the agenda items from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of Wolf Creek Public Schools, and should not be considered the official minutes.

In attendance:

Trustees: Trudy Bratland, Pam Hansen, Bob Huff, Lorrie Jess, Barb Walker, Donna Peterson

Administration: Jayson Lovell (Acting Superintendent), Mark McWhinnie (Assistant Superintendent), Amber Hester (Assistant Superintendent), Joe Henderson (Secretary-Treasurer), Jackie Haines (Recording Secretary)

March 3, 2016

Boys and Girls Club Lease Extension

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Ponoka have leased the old Ponoka Elementary Primary building for several years. The facility houses the Ponoka Youth Centre and has become an integral part of the lives of many Ponoka children. The five year extension on the lease of the facility will allow the Boys and Girls Clubs to invest in repairs to the facility.

Concussion Protocols

Acting Superintendent Jayson Lovell reported on the topic of Wolf Creek Public Schools investigating the merits of developing a procedure or protocol regarding concussions and awareness for our students, staff, parents and communities. It was determined this topic should be pursued through advocacy with the Alberta Schools Boards Association.

Edwin Parr Nominee

The Board was pleased to nominate Courtney Longjohn as the Wolf Creek Public Schools nominee for the 2016 Edwin Parr award. The Edwin Parr award is sponsored by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and annually recognizes exemplary first year teachers in the province of Alberta. One first year teacher in each of the 6 zones that comprise the ASBA is presented with the award.

Trustee Expense Posting

All trustee expense claims are now posted on the WCPS website. Expense posting can be found under the "Board" heading on the WCPS website.

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Administrative Procedure 308 - Sexual Orientation Gender Identity

Amber Hester, Assistant Superintendent - Inclusive Learning Services, provided an update on the status of Administrative Procedure 308. Wolf Creek has submitted this administrative procedure, as per the Minister's request for review, to comply with the March 31, 2016 deadline. Details were provided outlining the next steps which include the development of a strategic focus on this topic. There are a large number of resources that are available to school divisions from Alberta Education, ATA and a variety of agencies. Wolf Creek Public Schools is committed to create a strategic focus that will assist our schools in meeting the legislated requirements.

Appointment of Acting Superintendent

Due to a leave of absence being taken by Superintendent Larry Jacobs the Board appointed Mr. Jayson Lovell as Acting Superintendent. Mr. Lovell has been serving WCPS as Assistant Superintendent - People Services for the past five years and has a very broad based and in depth knowledge of all WCPS operations. Mr. Lovell will be in the acting position until Dr. Jacobs returns from leave.

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