



Peace Wapiti Public School Division

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BOARD NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Diploma Exams continue
Jan. 22-25 and 28-30

Free Diploma Exam tutorials
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bio 30/Chem 30: Sat., Jan. 26, GPRC
Sci 30: Tues., Jan. 30, PWA
Free lunches and snacks.

PSBC registration and meeting

Register online by January 30

www.public-schools.ab.ca

Meeting: February 7-9

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel,
Edmonton.

Semester 2 begins

Thursday, January 31

at applicable PWPSD schools

2019 Great Kids Award

Many young Albertans face
life challenges, yet they inspire
and change the lives of others.

Nominate them for an award

by 4:00 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 31:

<https://www.alberta.ca/great-kids-award.aspx>.

ASCA Conference and AGM

Registration opens Feb. 12

www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca

Meeting: April 26-28

Delta Edmonton South

Administrator's meeting

Tues., Feb. 12, Central Office

Family Day: Mon., Feb. 18

No classes. PWPSD offices/shops
closed.

Next Board meeting

Thurs., Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.

Central Office, Grande Prairie

Accountability Pillar Survey

Parents: Due Fri., Feb. 22



PWPSD's highest enrolment increase in the 2018-2019 school year is 1.4 students per class in the Division 1 (K - Gr. 3) All Subjects category.

Average class sizes up slightly over past school year

Average class sizes are up slightly across Peace Wapiti Public School Division (PWPSD) over the past school year. Class size data is divided into four divisions, broken down as Div. 1: Kindergarten - Grade 3; Div. 2: Grades 4-6; Div. 3: Grades 7-9; and Div. 4: Grades 10-12, and looks at enrolment in two categories for each division – All Subjects and Core Subjects.

In his report to the Board, Deputy Superintendent Darren Young said, "In the All Subjects category, PWPSD's greatest enrolment increase over last year is 1.4 students per class in Div. 1. Div. 3 recorded the smallest increase in this category with an additional 0.1 students per class."

The 'Core Subjects' category has shown growth in two divisions this year, with Div. 1 increasing by 1.2 students per class, and Div. 4 showing an increase of 0.9 students per class. Div. 2 and 3 classes both decreased by 0.2 students.

When considering five-year historical data, Mr. Young said enrolment in all four divisions has gone up slightly in both categories.

Staffing decisions made prior to the start of a school year are budgeted based on projected enrolments.

"At the start of this year, we added the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) of 2.5 teaching staff based on our actual enrolment growth over the initial budgeted projections. We also increased funding for Inclusive Education to provide additional educational assistant support in our classrooms. In total, we have the FTE of 376.01 teaching positions at PWPSD this year."

Staffing is provided to schools based on the total number of students, but Principals decide how to distribute staff time where resources are most needed.

Mid-year class size reporting is considered a draft until verified by Alberta Education.

Class Size Comparison: 2018-2019 versus 2017-2018

	ALL SUBJECTS				CORE SUBJECTS			
Grade Divisions	K-3 Div. 1	4-6 Div. 2	7-9 Div. 3	10-12 Div. 4	K-3 Div. 1	4-6 Div. 2	7-9 Div. 3	10-12 Div. 4
2017-18	16.4	19.7	18.7	17.5	16.2	19.2	18.5	18.3
2018-19	17.8	20.0	18.8	17.9	17.4	19.0	18.3	19.2
Difference	+1.4	+0.3	+0.1	+0.4	+1.2	-0.2	-0.2	+0.9



Board reviews Solar for Schools grant opportunity

In November, [the Government of Alberta announced funding to install more solar panels on schools](#), with rebates to potentially offset a school's energy costs. The project could also be used as an educational opportunity for students to learn about solar energy.

Dave Michalko, PWPSD Director of Facilities, discussed the Solar for Schools grant which offers up to a 50 per cent refund of project costs. He also noted that ground installation, necessary for student educational access, requires a large space on the school site and security features, such as fencing.

The approximate cost of a 100 kilowatt system installed is \$200,000, which shows approximate annual savings of \$4,000 in delivery and \$3,500 in billing. At this rate, it would take approximately 13.5 years to recover half of the project cost.

Additionally, Boards must assume any maintenance costs and the possible need to begin replacing outdated panels during or after the payback period.

The Board deemed the project not to be cost effective at this time, and voted not to apply for a Solar for Schools Program grant.



PARENTS:

Please complete the Accountability Pillar Survey online or return your completed survey in the enclosed, pre-paid envelope by **FEBRUARY 22**.

Together for Students presentation

Gerry Steinke, First Vice President of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA), presented the Together for Students campaign.

Board pens letter of support for Bezanson School playground grant

In December, the Board wrote a letter to the County of Grande Prairie Community Facility Enhancement Program in support of the Bezanson School Booster Club playground grant proposal. Many thanks to the County for awarding \$75,000 for the new playground, included among their [list of approved projects](#) announced on January 14, 2019.

Memorandum of Agreement ratified

The Board voted to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement for Local Bargaining between Peace Wapiti Public School Division and the Alberta Teachers' Association, dated December 11, 2018.

2019-2020 School Year Calendar approved

The Board reviewed and approved the 2019-2020 school year calendar as presented. To access a printable PDF of the calendar, visit www.pwpsd.ca/Resources/ParentResources/calendars.

Policy updates

- **Policy BD – Board Meetings:** Updated *Exhibit 1 – Meeting Protocols*.
- **Policy BHD – Trustee Compensation and Expenses:** Updated *Exhibit 1 – Trustee Compensation and Rate Schedule* to reflect motion #20171005.1003, effective January 1, 2019.

Diploma Exams Schedule: January 2019

Diploma exams **must** be administered according to the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exams, except those that are asterisked , remain secured after administration.		
Monday, January 14	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30-1 Part A* English Language Arts 30-2 Part A*
Tuesday, January 15	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30-1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30-2 Part(ie) A*
Wednesday, January 16	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30-1 Partie A French Language Arts 30-1 Part A*
Tuesday, January 22	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30-1 Partie B French Language Arts 30-1 Part B
Wednesday, January 23	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30-1 Mathematics 30-2
Thursday, January 24	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30-1 Part B English Language Arts 30-2 Part B
Friday, January 25	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30-1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30-2 Part(ie) B
Monday, January 28	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Tuesday, January 29	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Wednesday, January 30	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Physics 30 Science 30**

** sciences 30 in French is administered in January, June and August 2019

All students are provided with up to double the official time as noted above, if they require it.

Principals may decide to start the administration of the diploma exams early when more than one diploma exam is scheduled on one day. Students writing morning diploma exams cannot be dismissed until 10:00 A.M. and students writing afternoon diploma exams cannot be dismissed until 2:00 P.M. Please note that the order of the diploma exams that are scheduled on the same day cannot be changed.

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Horse Lake Representative Report

Horse Lake Rep. Joy Joachim reported on the Horse Lake community Christmas party, held December 14, and the New Year's Eve skating party. Both events were well-attended by families. The MMS Society will host Family Day tubing at Nitehawk on Friday, February 15 during 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Committee and meeting reports

The Board approved changing OH&S Committee trustee representation from Trustee Kelm to Trustee Grant.

Attendees reported on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 1 meeting held January 9.

Trustees reviewed the deadlines to submit proposed bylaw amendments, proposed emergent policies and proposed position statements to the ASBA for its Spring and Fall General Meetings.

Trustees will attend a meeting with Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools, tentatively set for 2:00 p.m. on February 25; and are approved to attend the Alberta Rural Education Symposium on March 3-5 and the CASS First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Gathering on April 10-12.

For more good news, see the News & Announcements section at www.pwpsd.ca.