



BOARD NEWS

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Upcoming Events

ASCA Webinar Wednesday

June 1: Meeting Management

June 8: Masterful Minutes

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On Your Mark! Diploma Exam free tutorial sessions

Saturdays, June 11, 18, 25

For additional information, see the story on this page.

Upcoming Grad Ceremonies

• Eaglesham School: Sat., June 4

• PAVE: Fri., June 10

• Savanna School: Sat., August 6

Details are available online at

<http://bit.ly/PWSD-Class-of-2016>.

Junior High farewell events are listed on page 2.

Diploma exams

June 13-28

See schedule on page 2.

Final Board Meeting of the 2015-2016 school year

Thursday, June 16

10:30 a.m., Central Office.

National Aboriginal Day

Tuesday, June 21

No Diploma Exams scheduled for this day.

Last day of classes

Tuesday, June 28

Classes resume on Thursday, September 1.

Horse Lake Report

Horse Lake Representative Joy Joachim reported on the Youth and Elders Conference planned for this summer.



Free *On Your Mark!* diploma exam tutorial sessions for PWSD students

Now in its eighth year, *On Your Mark!* diploma exam tutorial sessions will once again be offered free of charge to PWSD students on three Saturdays in June – the 11th, 18th and 25th. For scheduling details, see the column to the right. The comprehensive six-hour tutorials review course content while further developing strategies to tackle question formats. There is no need to register for the sessions; PWSD students should simply show up ready to review and ask questions. Lunch and snacks will be provided by PWSD.

INAC and PWSD schedule meeting to develop new Education Service Agreement

On May 19, the PWSD Board received a copy of an email sent by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to Chief Kappo of Western Cree Tribal Council (WCTC).

The email identified a strategy for INAC to take over the responsibility for tuition payments effective September,

2016, and work collaboratively with WCTC to ensure funding is in place to cover payment of all arrears owed to PWSD.

Since receiving a copy of the email, PWSD has arranged a meeting with INAC to discuss the development of an Education Service Agreement.

Superintendent Sheldon Rowe says he is encouraged by this recent development.

"We are negotiating a new agreement with INAC for the 2016-2017 school year. We will also need to address the tuition arrears from the 2015-2016 school year."

Schedule

Saturday, June 11

Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Review

Ms. Bednard, Ms. Viken, Ms. Armitage, Mr. Tanasichuk
Peace Wapiti Academy
9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Biology 30 Review

Mrs. Rief, Mrs. Lario

Chemistry 30 Review

Ms. Houlder, Ms. Creighton

Math 30-2 Review

Ms. Thibault, Mr. Bell
GPRC

Rooms D208, D308, A210
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Science 30 Review

Ms. Rief, Ms. Rose

Physics 30 Review

Mr. Hassanali, Mr. Frail
GPRC

Rooms D208, D308
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Teamsters' Memorandum of Agreement

The Board voted to ratify the Teamsters' Memorandum of Agreement dated May 3, 2016, for the term January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

Locally-developed courses approved

The Board approved locally-developed courses for offering at PWSD high schools, beginning Sept. 1, 2016, through to the effective end date of each course. Courses in Class V Driver Training, Content Literacy, Film Studies, Forensic Science Studies, Instrumental Jazz, and Reading were approved for renewal. Newly-approved courses include American Sign Language, Fire Department course, Music Theory, Painting – Advanced Techniques, and Popular Music in the 20th Century.

Policy Review Committee Report

The following policies were reviewed during a meeting of the committee on May 18:

- **Policy BD – Board Meetings:** Added meeting protocols.
- **Policy DA – Records Management:** No changes.
- **Policy EGAA – Copyright:** To be rescinded.
- **Policy HGCG – Off-Site Activities:** Updated to reflect the Board motion that an advisory rating of 'exercise normal security precautions' is the only acceptable standard for international travel.
- **Policy IHCF – Communicable Diseases:** No changes.
- **Policy IHF – Safe and Caring Learning Environment:** Reviewed input.

Inclusive Education Coaches Report

PWSD employs a team of Inclusive Education Learning Coaches who collaborate with administrators, teachers, support staff and parents to ensure student success and to organize the appropriate supports, services and interventions. The school year begins with a conversation between administrators and their assigned coach to determine the needs and goals of each school. In addition to their shared portfolio which includes supporting Leveled Literacy Intervention and Individualized Program Plans, coaches provide services which are tailored to meet the academic, physical and social-emotional needs of students, including those with exceptional disabilities. The report was presented by Heather Putio, Assistant Superintendent.

Diploma Exam Schedule

Monday, June 13:

English Language Arts 30-1 Part A
English Language Arts 30-2 Part A
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14:

Social Studies 30-1 Part A
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Social Studies 30-2 Part A
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 15:

French Language Arts 30-1 Part A
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 16:

English Language Arts 30-1 Part B
English Language Arts 30-2 Part B
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday, June 17:

Social Studies 30-1 Part B
Social Studies 30-2 Part B
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 20:

French Language Arts 30-1 Part B
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22:

Biology 30
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 23:

Chemistry 30
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday, June 24:

Mathematics 30-1
Mathematics 30-2
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday, June 27:

Physics 30
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28:

Science 30
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Board Self-Evaluation Report

The Board accepted the Board Self-Evaluation Report, as developed by Jim Gibbons, ASBA Senior Education Advisor, which was presented at an ASBA-facilitated workshop on April 7, 2016. The Board Chair was authorized to monitor the priorities and the agreed-upon suggestions, and will bring forward appropriate items for Board consideration.

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A report on news from Peace Wapiti Public School Division, published following each Board Meeting.

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Meeting reports

The Board considered a template for creating meeting reports and suggesting PD opportunities.

Trustees reported on the NRLC Education Afternoon held on May 13, covering the topics of *Truth and Reconciliation*, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, and education.

Trustee Anderson reported on the ASBA Zone 1 meeting held on May 11.

Attendees reported on the Collaborative Response Model meeting held on May 10.

Trustee McIntosh reported on the Chamber of Commerce round table meeting held on April 29.

Junior high farewell events

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Elmworth School

Friday, June 3

Helen E. Taylor School

Thursday, June 9

Rycroft School

Mid-June, date TBA

Clairmont Community School

Thursday, June 23

Hythe Regional School

Grand march and spring prom, Thursday, June 9. Awards ceremonies, Monday, June 20.

Woking School

Friday, June 24

Teepee Creek School

Friday, June 24

Harry Balfour School

Monday, June 27

Bonanza School

Monday, June 27

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**New this year:
Online
registration**

Is your child turning five in 2016?

Kindergarten Registration
for the upcoming school year is ongoing at PWSD schools.

All families welcome. To register online and find a school near you, click the 'Schools' tab at www.pwsd76.ab.ca.

A birth certificate and proof of address are required for new students. Other documents, such as proof of residency and custody information may be required by the school office.