CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Stacey Pelland, Chair, welcomed everyone and introduced the Board of Trustees and Administration.

DIVISION UPDATE
The attached Division Update was provided.

ASCA CONFERENCE & AGM
Trustee Dana McIntosh reviewed information about the Alberta School Councils’ Association Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held from April 25 to 27 in Edmonton and encouraged school councils to attend. Details and registration form are available on the ASCA website at http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca. The registration deadline is April 15, 2014.

Peace Wapiti School Division supports the attendance of school councils at the Alberta School Councils’ Association Annual Conferences by:

- covering the registration fee for the attendance of up to 2 school council members per school:
  - When completing the online registration form, choose create an invoice to submit payment by cheque under the Method of Payment and forward the invoice to Dawn Assel or JoAnn Vanstone. You can do this via email or fax, or mail. Or submit it to your school administrative assistant or principal and they will forward it to us.
  - Remember to choose the ASCA Member rate – all PWSD School Councils are members of ASCA

- providing transportation to and from the conference via white bus at no charge to delegates.
  - The white bus will be leaving from Peace Wapiti School Division office at 9:00 AM, Friday, April 25, 2014.
  - School Council members planning to ride on the Peace Wapiti bus must advise Dawn Assel at the PWSD office
by April 21, 2014. Phone 780-532-8133 or e-mail dawnassel@pwsd76.ab.ca with your name, school representing and phone number(s).

Wanda Gerard, Principal, Peace Wapiti Academy, reviewed the resolution being put forth by the PWA School Council regarding reinstating funding for work experience credits.

Proxy forms were provided at the meeting for those school councils that are not able to send a representative to the meeting and wished to vote for any of the resolutions.

**INSPIRING EDUCATION UPDATE**

Mark Davidson, Deputy Superintendent, provided a PowerPoint presentation, *Inspiring Education Update*. The presentation is available on the School Council web site. A link to Elmworth School Principal, Christian Gee’s Prezi on the *Elmworth iPad Project* is included in the PowerPoint presentation.

**VISION FOR PWSD**

School Council members provided their input on the three Draft Vision Statements that the Board of Trustees are working on:

- Peace Wapiti Public School Division fosters a collaborative, inclusive environment which inspires a culture of life-long learners who are engaged, ethical, community-minded citizens with an entrepreneurial spirit and the resiliency to accomplish their dreams.
- Peace Wapiti Public School Division fosters a collaborative, open environment which engages learners to develop as ethical and compassionate citizens who contribute their skills to local and global communities.
- Peace Wapiti Public School Division inspires all learners to become a confident, collaborative community of educated leaders with a vision of a new tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.
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Recent Appointments:

- Jason Caufield has accepted the Principalship of PAVE and Alternative Learning Services, effective the start of the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Caufield will replace Joan Coy, who will retire in June, 2014 after 32 years of service at PWSD.
- Darren Young will be the new Principal of Harry Balfour School, effective the start of the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Young brings 16 years of teaching and administrative experience at K-12 schools within Fort Vermillion School Division. He will replace Wendy Crispin, who will retire in June, 2014 after more than 33 years of services at PWSD.

New developments:

- Representatives from the Canadian Home Builders Association-Grande Prairie (CHBA-GP) presented a cheque for more than $6,500 to PWSD in February, 2014. The funds were generated by the CHBA-GP annual awards gala event and will be directed toward the implementation of a Career and Technology Studies mobile trailer with a home-building focus.
- The Education Grant saw an increase of approximately $334,000 which was spread over three areas: the class size grant increased by 2.0%, or $45,000; the Inclusive Education grant increased by 2.0%, or $104,000; and Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) increased by about 29% provincially, which translated into approximately $185,000 for PWSD.
- On January 27, 2014, MLA Everett MacDonald announced infrastructure funding for Teepee Creek School. Plans include upgrades to the mechanical and electrical systems and the addition of two modular classrooms.
- In October, 2013, an event with MLA Everett MacDonald was held at Robert W. Zahara Public School to reaffirm plans for a replacement school.
- Wembley students benefitting from new breakfast program – Students at Wembley Elementary and Helen. E. Taylor will receive a kick-start to their day, thanks to a recent donation by Encana Corporation and start-up financing from The Breakfast Club of Canada.

Staff Achievements:

- Three teachers nominated for Excellence in Teaching Awards – Katja Davidson of Beaverlodge Regional High School, Wilma Koersen of Sexsmith Secondary School, and Erin MacLellan of Clairmont Community School. Semi-finalists will be announced during the first week of April and finalists will be announced in May.
- Two PWSD staffers recognized for contribution to sports – Perry Schofield of Ridgevalley School, recognized with an ASAA Zone Award of Merit for 26 years of coaching at the school. The Smoky River Jr. Basketball League will rename their championship trophies in honour of the league’s founder, Darrell Willier, FNMI Coordinator for the Division and FNMI/FCSS Worker at Ridgevalley School.
- Scott Bowen, a Grades 10-12 Social Studies teacher at Beaverlodge Regional High School was selected for Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy in Ottawa held in November, 2013.
Student Achievements:

- **Improved results shown in 2012-2013 PATs/Diploma Exams** – PATs showed an improvement in six out of ten tests: Grades 3 and 6 Lang. Arts, and all four areas of Grade 9 PATs (Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies). Diploma Exam results indicated that 79.9 per cent of PWSD students achieved the acceptable level (up 4 per cent over last year), and a standard of excellence was met by 14.4 per cent (up 2.4 per cent over last year).
- **Ten junior high students at Teepee Creek School have started businesses** as a result of a course in venture planning.
- **Harry Balfour School earned a Spirit Award** for their submission of 95 essays to ‘The Meaning of Home’ nation-wide annual contest hosted by Genworth Canada, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Canada. As a result, Genworth Canada donated $5 per essay to Habitat for Humanity projects.
- Congratulations to Carter Diederich, Zackery Thompson and Dustin Kaufmann – three PWA students who received Aboriginal Youth Role Model Awards during the 15th annual Spirit Seekers Youth Conference event held at Grande Prairie Regional College on March 8, 2014.
- **Fourteen new graduates were honoured for outstanding academic achievement** during the February, 2014 Board Meeting.
- More than 28 students from nine of PWSD’s schools competed in the **2014 Alberta Winter Games**.
- Kaitlynn Douglas, a Grade 10 student at Beaverlodge Regional High School, was among 24 students in Alberta selected to the **AB Ed Student Advisory Council**.

School Events:

- **In recognition of the completion of Canada’s mission to Afghanistan**, Division schools hosted symbolic flag lowering and raising events on March 12, 2014.
- **Hythe Regional School launched a Junior ATB** on February 10, 2014 at the school library. Students are filling all typical roles found at ATB – from greeters and tellers to a CEO and Board members. Bi-weekly deposit days are held on Fridays at the school.
- For the sixth year in a row, PWSD offered ‘On Your Mark’ free diploma exam tutorial sessions this past January. **New this year: Social Studies 30-1 and 30-2 sessions**. Back by popular demand: Biology 30, Math 30-1 and 30-2, and Chemistry 30.
- **Three PWSD schools raised funds for disaster relief in the Philippines** – Teepee Creek School, Elmworth School and Sexsmith Secondary School. All three applied for matching gifts from the federal government.
- **Eight Grade 7 students at Clairmont Community School formed a committee to fundraise for a developing community**. So far, funds have been used to purchase a goat, baby chicks, a green garden parcel, and also covered the cost of a month of healthy lunches at a school. Their next goal is to raise $1,000 to fund a mobile medical clinic visit to the community.
- **Newborns requiring intensive care at Grande Prairie’s QEII Hospital received quilts** crafted by seven Fashion Studies students at Peace Wapiti Academy.
- **Grade 1s at Spirit River students provided hope to Kenyan orphans** by raising more than $1,000 to purchase farm animals for an orphanage in the Eldoret, Kenya.
- **Robert W. Zahara students formed the ‘We Club’ to raise $10,000** through Free the Children’s ‘We Create Change’ program to place a school in a developing country.
Inspiring Education Update

Focused, Balanced and Patient

To achieve the vision of an educated Albertan in 2030, Albertans said we need to make the following shifts in policy:

LESS
Focused on the school
Centered on the system
Focused on content
Technology to support teaching

MORE
Focused on education
Centered on the learner
Building competencies
Technology to support the creation and sharing of knowledge

Directions for Future Curriculum

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Hattie 2009

Percentage of Achievement Variance

Hattie 2003
Quality Learning Environment Draft Model

Core: Successful Learner: Life-long, Resilient, Ethical and Empowered

Critical Elements: Collaborative Engaged Educator
Dynamic Learning Environment
Intentional Practice
Purposeful Assessment and Evaluation

Cultural Conditions: Inclusive environments
Literacy and numeracy
Supportive communities
Honoring diversity

Elmworth iPad Project