



PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION #76

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BOARD NEWS & EVENTS

May 17, 2012

Dates to Remember

Thurs. June 14, 2012

Next Regular Board Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

International Travel

Approval in Principle was given to students from:

- *Ridgevalley School for international travel to Iceland*
- *Peace Wapiti Academy for international travel to China*
- *Spirit River Regional Academy for international travel to Europe*
- *Peace Wapiti Academy for international travel to Spain and Portugal*

Sexsmith Secondary School Presentation

At the April 26 Board Meeting Ms. Crandall and several of her students presented on their recent trip to Costa Rica and their humanitarian efforts in their host community.

Band Performance

The Sexsmith Secondary School Band, under the directorship of Mr. Paulson, performed at the April 26 Board Meeting.

Some of the Board discussions included:

- The Board approved a balanced budget with operating revenues and expenditures of \$77,258,061, surplus/deficit of \$0.
- The Board recognized retired Peace Wapiti School Division employees Marian Logan and Greg Gourlay for their years of service.
- The Board will advise the Public School Boards Association and the Minister of Education that it supports sharing school facilities and instructional spaces when it is within the best interests of the children and families of our communities.
- Two Ad Hoc committees were struck: Trustees Lappenbush, Knull, and Pelland will draft terms of reference for a review of Peace Wapiti's electoral boundaries. The Northern Facility Enhancement Committee will consist of trustees Anderson, Schlief and Moodie.
- The following policies were reviewed by the Board and updated as required:
 - Teaching About Controversial Issues (HNB)
 - Health Education (HGAE) – this policy was rescinded after being combined with Policy HNB
 - Controversial Issues and Materials (HIAD)
 - Religious Education (HGAC)
 - Student Suspension/Expulsion (IGD)
 - Leaves for Assistance (GCBDE)
 - Conflict of Interest (GBCA)
 - Teachers' Duties and Responsibilities (GCAG)
 - Teacher Growth, Supervision and Evaluation (GCN)
 - Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members (GCPD)
 - Copyright (EGAA)



We Schools in Action Program We Schools in Action Program & We Day Application 2012

Welcome to the We Schools in Action program!

The Free The Children team is excited to be launching the We Schools in Action program for the 2012-2013 school year! The We Schools in Action program inspires a generation to care about social justice and provides the practical tools needed to turn that inspiration into action. We Schools places students at the forefront of active global citizenship by educating them on social issues and action planning, developing leadership skills, and engaging them in world-changing action.

When you join the We Schools in Action program, you will be asked to fulfill the core components of action, attending a professional development session and reporting. We Day will be webcast for select cities, and everyone has a chance to watch live, regardless of your location! Whether you attend the event or watch via the webcast, We Day is an integral portion of the program as it is a source of inspiration for powerful social change. Check out our We Schools in Action FAQ here for more details on the year-long program and We Day guidelines.

Please note that all schools who apply are eligible for We Day tickets, however tickets are first come, first serve, and ticket numbers may change over the summer. Be sure to check your e-mail for important updates. You can also check out www.weday.com for educational resources, We Day talent announcements, learning the We Day dance, dates and locations of our events.

There are five components to the program:

1. Commit:

Join the We Schools in Action program and make a commitment to take one local and one global action, and to report back to Free The Children through Report 1: Actions and Planning, and Report 2: Actions and Impacts.

2. Get Inspired:

Get inspired at We Day or watch via live webcast.

3. Get Informed:

Receive Free The Children's free curricular resources and action guides to use in your classroom and take advantage of our free professional development sessions for our We Schools educators.

4. Take Action:

Start or continue taking action for the duration of the year on local and global issues for positive social change.

5. Share It:

Share your plans and accomplishments with the community of We Schools by reporting to Free The Children in both the fall of 2012 and the spring of 2013.

If you would like to learn more about the We Schools in Action program before continuing, please [click here >](http://www.freethechildren.com/weschools/)