



Under the Northern Lights...

Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Northern Lights Board of Trustees held on August 29, 2016 in Bonnyville

Good News Items

- Trustee Nestor Kunec commended the organizers of the Duclos 100th Anniversary celebrations on the excellent job in planning the event that was held over the summer to commemorate the anniversary.
- Vice-Chair Arlene Hrynyk noted her attendance at the Ecole Plamondon School graduation ceremony held at the end of the school year. She said it was great to see staff from all grade levels there to wish the students well.
- Trustee Debra Lozinski congratulated the graduates from the Lac La Biche Regional Outreach Schools.

Bridges and Lights On Line

The Board passed a motion to close programming at Bridges School. The Board also passed a motion to close the Lights On Line program.

Ratification of CUPE Agreement

The Board ratified an agreement with CUPE. After it is also ratified by CUPE, the agreement can be signed by both parties.

Busing Fees

The Board passed a motion to eliminate in town busing fees. This applies to students within a 2.4 kilometre boundary of their school who were previously charged a fee to take the bus to and from school.

Parents who have already registered their children for busing and have paid the fee will have their fees refunded.

Duclos Funding Request

The Board supported a request from Duclos School to lend it the money needed to purchase playground equipment. Fundraising is underway for the project. The loan will allow the equipment to be purchased earlier, and the school will repay the loan as fundraising progresses.

Facilities Update

Director of Facilities Wayne Kurek reported that Cold Lake Elementary School would be ready for students on September 1, however, the parent drop off zone, bus lane and parking lots for parents and staff would not be ready. Rain has slowed down the final phase of the project, but it is expected to be completed before the official grand opening of the school on October 14.

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on September 14 at Division Office in Bonnyville.

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