

Good News Items

- Trustee Maurice Richard congratulated the J.A. Williams High School golf team on winning Zones. The team competed in Provincials this week in Medicine Hat.
- Trustee Garry Kissel complimented Glendon School on a well-attended Academic Awards Night, held earlier this month. He highlighted two awards developed by the staff that were given out - the Heart Award and the Virtus Incendit Vires "Virtue Kindles Strength" Award. He noted it was nice to see students being recognized for their non-academic efforts at school including volunteering.
- Trustee Rod Soholt attended the Cold Lake Elementary School Meet and Greet Barbecue and was excited to receive an invite to attend a school council meeting.

ATA Local #15 Update

ATA Local President David Ripkens provided the Board with an update on some of the things the Local is working on this year.

He thanked the Board for supporting the attendance of new teachers at the beginning teacher conference. He also thanked the Division for the support provided to teachers at Cold Lake Elementary, and the enormous effort made by the Division's maintenance and tech departments over the summer to make sure the school was ready to open on time.

Summer School Report

Summer School Co-ordinator David Elliott provided the Board with a report on what happened during the Division's Summer School program in July.

This year there was an increase in the number of in-school credits earned by students and a decrease in work experience credits.

Further work will be done this year to ensure that students understand the expectations for summer school before they register. For instance, since the courses are condensed, regular attendance is a requirement for success.

This year Cold Lake High School developed a unique course called Athletic Enhancement that aligns well with the Division's Health and Wellness goal. The class included a classroom component with nutrition and health courses and then workout sessions with students. Elliott noted this course is a great alternative for students who may not be interested in a phys. ed. course that focuses on team sports.

Student Voice

The Board will be sponsoring the participation of up to six students from Northern Lights at the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta conference at the end of October. The students will spend a day networking with other students from across the province, and learning how they can use their voice to influence decision making.

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on October 12 at Division Office in Bonnyville.

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