

Report to Fort Assiniboine School Council

September 2025

This will be the last time I sit at this table with you. There are multiple candidates for this ward in the upcoming election so as of Oct 20 you will have local representation. The board had a hiatus for most of July and August but we did all take turns representing Pembina Hills at numerous community parades during that time. I wasn't available but I believe a couple of the trustees came here.

I'm sure top of everyone's mind is the impending teacher strike. As it is a listen and watch situation that school divisions have no control over I don't really have anything to report. Pembina Hills has submitted the required contingency plan to the government and hopefully all parents have their own contingency plan in place, just in case. We are hearing in the news that negotiations are down to a few items that seem like they should be able to figure out so like you we are waiting and hoping with fingers crossed that an agreement can be reached. Sr Administration will share any pertinent information they have through all the communication channels they have.

As we made our way into summer there were 2 division wide student events that went very well. At the end of June there was the 1st ever 3 day land based learning camp for Indigenous students. Held at Metis Crossing and facilitated by our partnership with Rupertsland. It was an incredible event, there was a slide show on the website worth checking out if it is still posted.

There was also the 2nd annual week long Career Camp. This was a day camp and students had opportunity to learn about numerous career options and even try their hand at some.

As you completed your start of the year forms you would have encountered the opt in requirement, mandated by the Alberta Government, for Human Sexuality topics. Please be aware that it applies to planned instruction only and does not include incidental conversations that might come up as a result of something brought forward by a student.

The Alberta Government has also mandated that a teacher must report if a student requests to be identified by a different pronoun. This applies only if a direct request is made to a teacher and does not include conversations between students. Administration will ensure that conversations students may need to have with parents are made in safety.

You may have also heard about proof of gender identity at birth for girls playing on sports teams. This will only be required if someone makes a request, for example another parent or coach.

There is more specific information on all these matters on the website.

Pembina Hills recently received an additional \$185,00 in grant money from Alberta Education. It will be put into the Student Services budget to be used for additional E.A.s and other classroom supports.

Education services is working with Norquest College and McEwan University to get a Policing course in place to offer students. Another opportunity for dual credit.

I think that is everything but please don't hesitate to ask if there is something I missed.

Respectfully Submitted

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