

Board Highlights September 12 2023

2023-2024 PRPS Board Organizational Meeting

Every fall the board of trustees elects a board chair, vice-chair and other key positions for the new school year. In addition to their regular duties, the following trustees will represent and attend events on behalf of Prairie Rose Public Schools during the 2023-2024 year:

- ✓ Lois Bedwell, Board Chair
- ✓ Patty Rooks, Vice-Chair
- ✓ Representative for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) - Shawna VanderSpruit
- ✓ ASBA Alternate - Nancy Haraga
- ✓ Representative for the Public School Boards Association (PSBA) - Cathy Hogg
- ✓ PSBAA Alternate - Pam Cursons
- ✓ Teachers Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) - Pam Cursons
- ✓ Representative on the Rural Caucus of Alberta - Patty Rooks

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Academy Enrollments

Superintendent Reagan Weeks provided the preliminary PRPS academy enrollment numbers for the 2023-2024 school year. It was shared that interest in academy programs is up from previous years which is good news for the school division's overall enrollment. Final enrollment numbers for the 2023-2024 year will be available following the submission to Alberta Education at the end of September. Based on first week of September numbers, there are a total of 287 students enrolled in a PRPS academy program, which is just under 10% of the student population. Enrollment by academy program include the following:

- ✓ SAHA High Performance Academy: Total of 169 students
- ✓ SAHA U17 Males: Total of 22 students with two international students coming from Alaska and Australia
- ✓ SAHA U18 Males: Total of 19 student with one international student coming from Colorado
- ✓ SAHA U18 Female: Total of 22 students
- ✓ South Alberta Flight Academy: Total of 36 students
- ✓ South Alberta Fire Rescue Academy: Total of 16 students
- ✓ Badlands Baseball Academy: Total of 19 students

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PRPS Board/Teacher Agreement Ratification

The PRPS Board of Trustees ratified the Memorandum of Agreement for ATA Local Bargaining with the Alberta Teachers' Association for the period of September 1, 2020, to August 31, 2024. Some highlights of the agreement include changes to professional development allocations along with the establishment of a professional development committee, adjusted lieu time for school vice-principals, approved use of PRPS emails for ATA teacher communications and a letter of understanding around teacher assignable and extracurricular time.

The ratified contract will be posted on the PRPS Human Resources page, once all documents are signed by both parties.

Other Items:

- The PRPS Board of Trustees approved an ATB borrowing resolution for \$750,000 for 2023-2024.
- The PRPS Board of Trustees approved the Superintendent Evaluation Report as presented.