

Condolences

The Board expressed condolences on the passing of former NLPS trustee George Amalia who served on the board for 18.5 years.

Trustees also expressed their condolences to Aspen View Public Schools on the passing of one of their students earlier this month.

The Board also acknowledged the passing of Stephen Hawking.

Good News Items

- Board Chair Arlene Hrynyk thanked all of the division's substitute teachers for the important role they play in our schools. March 12-16 is Substitute Teachers' Appreciation Week
- Trustee Garry Kissel wished the Glendon boys' basketball team good luck as they head off to provincials in Lacombe.
- Trustee Karen Packard congratulated Cold Lake High School teacher Jennifer Dusyk-Johnson on being presented with the Cold Lake Woman of Influence Award. Sarah Hildt, a CLHS student, received the Youth Woman Leadership Award.
- Trustee Michael Topylki congratulated the Bonnyville Centralized High School boys' basketball team on winning bronze at Zones.
- Board Chair Arlene Hrynyk praised the Parent Advisory Council at Ecole Plamondon School on their hard work to raise funds to purchase a new score clock for the school. The Board is appreciative of the diligence and dedication parents throughout the division continue to provide toward ensuring our schools and students

have the resources and opportunities that otherwise would not be possible.

Transportation Update

Matt Richter, Director of Transportation, reported that Transportation has been busy this winter, including dealing with some diverse winter conditions that have led to days when busing and/or classes were cancelled.

The division's Transportation Grant has been finalized. As a result of almost 100 fewer funded students riding the bus, Northern Lights will have a \$127,000 decrease in funding compared to last year. While the number of funded students riding the bus has decreased, overall ridership has increased. The Board will be continuing its advocacy efforts in this area and continuing to encourage the government for improved funding for student transportation.

2018-2019 Meetings Dates

The Board approved board meeting dates for the 2018-2019 school year. The dates will be posted on our website shortly. Locations and meeting start times have not yet been determined.

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 28 at the Bonnyville Division Office. The public portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

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