

MINUTES OF THE NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61 BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 15, 2017 AT HILLVIEW SCHOOL IN EAST PRAIRIE METIS SETTLEMENT, ALBERTA.

ATTENDANCE		
✓	Lois Byers	• Official Trustee
✓	Gord Atkinson	• Superintendent of Schools
✓	Shelley Willier	• Area Associate Superintendent
✓	Trudy Rasmuson	• Secretary-Treasurer
✓	Krystal Potts	• Executive Assistant
✓	Curtis Walty	• Communications Coordinator
✓	Melanie Mantai	• Executive Secretary – Finance
GUESTS		
✓	Patrick Lambton	• Principal
✓	Patricia Beaudry	• Teacher
✓	Shelly Auger	• East Prairie LSBC, Chair
✓	Karen L’Hirondelle	• East Prairie, LSBC Member
✓	Joan Haggerty	• East Prairie LSBC, Member
✓	Harvey Howse	• Community Member
✓	Linda Desjarlais	• Staff/Community Member
✓	Gerald	• Community Member
✓	Cameron Bedard	• Community Member
✓	Stacy Bellrose	• Community Member
✓	Murielle L’Hirondelle	• Community Member
✓	Jodi Cuthbert	• Community Member
✓	Nina Brzezicki	• Community Member
✓	Lois Johnston	• Staff Member
✓	Carol Johnston	• Community Member
✓	Elvin Clouston	• Staff Member

OPENING PRAYER Murielle L’Hirondelle, community member gave the opening prayer.

CALL TO ORDER Lois Byers, Official Trustee called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS Lois Byers, Official Trustee welcomed guests and introductions were made.

ADOPT AGENDA/WAIVER 24321/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees adopt the agenda as provided and waive Special Meetings Section 67 (4) of the *School Act*.

CARRIED

HILLVIEW SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM CONTINUANCE Superintendent Atkinson reviewed the Hillview School Viability Follow-up Report with East Prairie community and staff members that were in attendance. The group had an opportunity to discuss concerns and ask questions.

24322/17 Lois Byers, Official Trustee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the continuation of the instructional program at Hillview School with the following recommendations:

1. That Hillview School remain an ECS – grade 6 school for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years;
2. That Hillview School be re-evaluated in the fall of 2019 for operational viability;
3. That administration work with the community to develop partnerships to

further enhance education opportunities in East Prairie Metis Settlement; and

4. If the student population drops to below 10, in the 2018-2019 school year it will automatically trigger the school closure process (the school enrollment numbers will have a grace period for the 2017-2018 school year).

CARRIED

CLOSING
PRAYER

Murielle L'Hirondelle, committee member gave the closing prayer.

ADJOURN

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Lois Byers, Official Trustee

Trudy Rasmuson, Secretary-Treasurer

Recording Secretary: Melanie Mantai, Executive Secretary-Finance