

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pembina Hills School Division was held on July 2, 2020 at Regional Office. In attendance were Trustees J. Carson, J. Comeau, J. Lefebvre, K. McElroy, W. Scinski and J. Tuininga. Also in attendance were Superintendent D. Garbutt, Assistant Superintendent M. Thiesen and Secretary Treasurer T. Leigh.

Call To Order

Chair Tuininga called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Acknowledge Statement

Chair Tuininga recited the acknowledgement statement from Administrative Procedure 60-20 Honoring First Nations, Metis and Inuit Culture.

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments made to the Agenda.

7844/07/20 **Adopting the Agenda – June 24, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Scinski that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

Superintendent Garbutt spoke to the Vista Virtual School business plan highlighting the key partners, key activities, key resources, value propositions, customer relationships, channels, customer segments, revenue streams and cost structure.

The key activities of Vista Virtual School will be to offer online and print (where available) Grade 1 -12 courses to school-aged students and adults. The division will work with other Alberta jurisdictions, international schools/students and parents to offer student instruction through Vista Virtuals' key resources; Moodle infrastructure and teachers and support staff who have worked in an online atmosphere for years.

Vista Virtual offers flexibility through the ability to learn at any time by accessing the program from anywhere that has an internet connection. They offer the safety of learning from home if COVID-19 is a concern for families and they fill gaps in student programming. Likely their highest value proposition is that their diploma exam results are as high or higher than the provincial average.

Other Alberta school jurisdictions can take advantage of cost efficiencies by utilizing Vista Virtual to complete their programming for less than if they provided instruction themselves. Divisions are funded \$190 per credit for high school students and Vista Virtual will provide instruction for \$130 per credit to those non-primary students.

In the coming weeks, the Division will reach out to existing and new customers through the website, social media and radio. They will also communicate directly with Superintendent's, school boards, principals and other distance education facilitators to offer Vista Virtual services.

For the 2020-21 school year, Vista Virtual will direct non-primary student registration rollovers to Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) for instruction and ADLC will cap class sizes for core classes at 100. Once ADLC classes are full, subsequent requests for instruction will be directed to Vista Virtual. Moving forward, Vista Virtual will provide instruction to all primary students and primary registrations will close September 30th. They will operate two semesters and summer school with registrations beginning in March.

7845/07/20 Moved by Trustee Lefebvre to approve the Vista Virtual School Business Plan as presented and amended.

Carried

7846/07/20 Chair Tuininga declared the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer

Unapproved