

TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public school community
February 2022



Decided: 2022-2023 School Calendar

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Board of Trustees considered three options for the School Year Calendar which included the recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



**Sturgeon
Public Schools**

Dare to reimagine learning

By a unanimous vote, the Board approved Draft Version C of the 22-23 calendar. This includes deeming September 30th, Truth and Reconciliation Day, as a Board directed holiday.

Highlights for 2022-2023:

- Classes begin August 31
- September 30th - no classes - Truth & Reconciliation Day
- Fall Break November 5 - 9
- Christmas Break Dec 24 - Jan 8
- Classes resume January 9
- Spring Break March 25 - April 2
- Last day of classes June 29

You're invited!

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference takes place on April 22nd and 23rd, 2022, followed by the ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 24th, 2022. This will be an online event.

All Parents, Principals, Teachers and School Council members are invited to attend, however, School Councils may have only one Voting Delegate at the AGM. Should school councils wish, they may authorize another delegate to vote on their behalf and properly authorized delegates may hold up to 9 proxy votes.

As an ongoing sponsorship the Board will reimburse one registration fee per School Council for the Alberta School Councils' Association Conference .

Details of the ASCA event, event schedule, pre-meeting preparation information, and fee forms are available on the ASCA website.

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>



Effective Governance.

To be more productive and transparent, the Board has decided to move the Committee of the Whole (CoW) meeting to a working committee.

- Decisions will not be made at the CoW meeting.
- Discussion, reporting, motions, voting, and subsequent decisions will be made at the Public Board meeting.

Transparency and Accountability



The Board believes that transparency and accountability should be demonstrated to the greatest extent possible, and its decision making should be made in public. There are specific times however, when the public interest is best served by private "in camera" sessions to discuss land, labour, and legal matters.

The work of the Board is also facilitated through standing and ad hoc committees, task groups, and Board professional development. These opportunities allow the Board to gather information and explore matters in depth to effectively govern Sturgeon Public Schools. The Public Board meeting will continue to be on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m.