

# TRUSTEE TALK

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



## WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

The Board of Trustees would like to wish Sturgeon Public students, parents/guardians and staff a wonderful school year.

We hope that the amazing summer weather has given you all the opportunity to rest, relax, recharge and spend time with family and friends. The Board is excited for the coming school year and the engaging and innovative education opportunities ahead.

As Trustees, we feel fortunate to be a part of the Sturgeon Public community. It is our greatest pleasure to be able to engage collaboratively with parents/guardians, teachers and students about the future of education for all our students.

We welcome back all those who are returning – and a special welcome to those who are joining us as new students, families and staff.

Have an excellent 2022-2023 school year!

## Election of the Chair & Vice Chair

At the Annual Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 the Board of Trustees re-elected Joe Dwyer as Board Chair and re-elected Irene Gibbons as Vice Chair.



## Mental Health Service Classrooms - 2023

We are excited to announce that Sturgeon Public Schools has been selected to participate in the Mental Health in Schools pilot for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school years.

In collaboration with CASA (Child, Adolescent, and Family Mental Health), this pilot will integrate and expand access to addiction and mental health services for children and youth from elementary to high school.

CASA has selected Sturgeon Composite High School and Four Winds Public School as the sites to pilot Mental Health Services Classrooms beginning February 2023. CASA's plan for mental health services in classrooms will include:

- Embedded classroom teams with a mental health therapist, classroom behavioural therapist and psychiatrist. Support teams with a social worker, nurse, assessment psychologist, occupational therapist and speech and language therapist.
- Ongoing services will include: evaluation and assessments to inform care plans; individual and group therapy; medication trials and management; family therapy and parenting support; and consultation, education, observation and recommendations for transitions.

## Fuel Price Contingency Program

June 22, 2022, the Minister of Education announced that the Government of Alberta was reinstating the Fuel Price Contingency Program.

The Fuel Rate Contingency Program Reinstatement resulted in school boards and public charter schools receiving payment for March 2022 through June 2022 in July based on established bus route distances. Additionally, the government clarified that bus route distances would be based on "the route mileages reported by each school jurisdiction on their 2019/20 student transportation funding application".

Sturgeon Public Schools received a total payment of \$143,729 for the Fuel Price Contingency Program this past July. This amount was divided by the total kilometers travelled between March and June 2022 for all contractor buses. This resulted in an approximate payment of \$3.75/kilometer to all Contractors. The payment was processed for payment to the Contractors on July 21, 2022.

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