

TRUSTEE TALK

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



2024-2025 Draft Calendar

At the Public Board meeting on October 26th, the Board of Trustees approved the draft 2024-2025 School Year Calendar. The calendar will now be circulated for feedback from stakeholders. Once all feedback has been received, the 2024-2025 calendar will be brought to the March 22, 2023, Public Board meeting for final review and approval.

Overdue Transportation Fees

At present, the Division has 401 overdue Transportation accounts, totaling \$127,710 and is currently working to connect with families to either make arrangements for full payment, partial payment, or, where necessary, complete fee waiver applications. According to Policy 500, section 3.6.2.2, 2 “The Division reserves the right to remove services if payment is not received and no attempt is made to settle the overdue fees”. The Division will discontinue transportation services for overdue accounts on November 15, 2022.

Lagoon Litigation Update

The Division has received the Court of King's Bench ruling on the Lagoon Litigation and we are pleased to inform Sturgeon Public families that the decision is positive for the Division. The lawsuit began back in 2016 when Ardmore Properties Inc. commenced legal action against Sturgeon Public School Division. The case was heard in court on February 4th and 17th, 2022, and the court's decision was rendered on October 12, 2022.

In summary, the Division won both applications - the court ruled that the lagoon has been and continues to function as intended and that there are no pollutants escaping the lagoon. The Division has and will continue to monitor and maintain the lagoon to ensure it continues to function as intended.

Student Advisory Committee

At the October 26th Public Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a Student Advisory Committee for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board believes in, and supports, the inclusion of a student voice in its deliberations, therefore, the Board may from time to time, establish, a Student Advisory Committee. The format of the Student Advisory Committee and meeting schedule shall be determined annually by the Advocacy Committee and forwarded to the October Public Board meeting, for review and approval. The Advocacy Committee will hold the first Student Advisory Committee meeting on December 12, 2022, in person, a second meeting in February 2023 online and a third meeting in April/May 2023 in person.

