



**DATE:** December 21, 2022

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Stacey Buga, Committee Chair

**GOVERNANCE POLICY:** [Policy 221 – Role of the Trustee](#)  
[Policy 230 – Board Committees](#)  
[Policy 230 – Board Committees; Appendix K – Advocacy Committee](#)  
[Policy 231 – Student Advisory Committee](#)

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE:** [Policy 225 – Board Responsibility and Conduct](#)  
[AP250 – Student Advisory Committee](#)  
Board Procedures Regulation 82/2019  
Education Act: Section 34, 51, 52(1)(b)  
Assurance Domains – [Governance & Local and Societal Context](#)

**SUBJECT:** Advocacy Committee

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**PURPOSE:**

For information.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Advocacy Committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding the advocacy priorities and strategies to be undertaken by the Board of Trustees. The Committee recommends and reviews policies related to advocacy. The Committee is to undertake ad hoc Committee work relative to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

- The Student Advisory Committee is a sub committee of the Advocacy Committee. The Board believes in, and supports, the inclusion of a student voice in its deliberations. The Student Advisory Committee provides an opportunity for student representatives to engage in a dialogue with the Board and Superintendent about matters of mutual interest and provides students with knowledge and understanding about Public Education and Sturgeon Public School Division. Two grades 7–9 students and two grades 10-12 students from schools across the Division make up the Student Advisory Committee.

**REPORT SUMMARY:**

The Advocacy Committee held a meeting on November 23, 2022. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- One-hour meetings to be booked with Municipal Partners: Town of Morinville, Town of Redwater and Sturgeon County;
- Agenda topics for the Student Advisory Committee meeting on December 12, 2022, were discussed;
- Council of School Councils follow up discussion and the suggestion of a spring meeting; and



- Trustees discussed using Christmas Cards designed by students for Christmas 2023. This suggestion will be brought forward to the Board for discussion and direction.

A Student Advisory Committee meeting was held on December 12, 2022, at SCHS. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Co-Chair, Jayce Cornelius, walked the students through an exercise to go deeper into a question from the 21-22 school year Student Advisory Committee:
  - Which activities are student led or student organized in your school and how do students have a voice within your school?
- The students then worked through the following questions:
  - Who is an advocate for you in your school and community?
  - Who are you connected to and who helps you with non-course specific challenges at school?

An Advocacy Committee meeting is scheduled on the afternoon of December 21, 2022.

The Committee Chair is prepared to respond to questions at the December 21, 2022, Public Board meeting.