

TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public school community
February 2023



Collaborative Partnership

The Board of Trustees is proud to announce that we have entered into a collaborative partnership with the Town of Gibbons to plan, develop and construct a school and community facilities on new land space with the intention of developing shared spaces. We are excited and proud to collaborate with the Town of Gibbons to build a strong community that we all can be proud of.



Pink Shirt Day

On February 22, our Central Office staff and Board of Trustees wore their pink shirts to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to creating safe and inclusive school environments for all students. As a Division, we stand against bullying and choose to spread kindness, empathy and understanding. Together, we can create a school community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.



Changes to Attendance Areas for 2023/24

At the February 22, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved, effective the upcoming 2023-2024 school year:

1. The creation of a Legal Attendance Area for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4; and
2. Changes to current attendance areas for Bon Accord (BACS and Lilian Schick), Camilla, Gibbons (LT and Gibbons School), Morinville (ÉMPS and FWPS), Namao, Redwater (OP and RWS) and Sturgeon Heights.

Attendance Areas have not been updated since the Division gained access to both the Town of Morinville and the Town of Legal in 2011. The current Attendance Areas reflect the Board approved Attendance Areas prior to the addition of the two towns to the School Division's Attendance Boundary.

The new attendance areas have:

- Boundary lines running through fields rather than down roadways wherever possible, reducing the conflict between people living across the road from each other and residing in different catchments.
- Natural boundary lines, such as rivers, and provide more clear internal attendance boundary lines.

The attendance areas changes have also been established to support transportation services' current routing and were created with minimal family disruption.

Click [here](#) to read the full memo.

STEAM Presentation

We are proud to announce that a group of bright and talented students from the Sturgeon Public Schools Virtual Academy recently presented their latest STEAM projects at the Public Board meeting on February 22nd. These students have been actively engaged in STEAM education, which encompasses science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. By using alternative, hands-on learning methods, they have been able to explore new ideas, test theories and develop critical problem-solving skills. Through their STEAM projects, these students have not only gained practical experience but have also enhanced their creativity, teamwork and communication skills. We applaud their hard work and dedication and look forward to seeing more inspiring projects in the future.

