



DATE: March 22, 2023

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](#)
[Administrative Procedure 250 – 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

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 grade 7–9 students and two grade 10-12 students from schools across the Division make up the Student Advisory Committee.

REPORT SUMMARY:

The Advocacy Committee held a meeting on February 22, 2023. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Reviewed the Committee Work Plan;
- Reviewed and discussed the Friends of Education Award through ASBA;
- Began initial discussion for the Staff Recognition Event;
- Reviewed the agenda for the Student Advisory Committee meeting on February 27, 2023;
- Discussed COSC and possible topics for the spring meeting;



- The Provincial Election was discussed and the committee would like to create an information sheet on topics the Board is advocating for; and
- PSBAA Award – Promoting and Advancing the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada in relation to Education within Alberta was discussed.

A Student Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 27, 2023. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- The meeting was held virtually;
- A summary of the December 12, 2022, meeting was reviewed;
- A student-led activity and survey results were discussed;
- An Advocacy Committee question was put to the committee; and
- Future agenda ideas were discussed for the May meeting.

The Committee Chair is prepared to respond to questions at the March 22, 2023, Public Board meeting.