



DATE: June 28, 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 Year End Report

PURPOSE:

For information.

BACKGROUND:

The Advocacy Committee developed a Work Plan for the 2022-2023 School Year, which was approved by the Board in October 2022. The Committee is pleased to provide an update regarding the work undertaken by the Advocacy Committee at the direction of the Board. The work completed includes:

- ✓ Chambers of Commerce:
 - The Committee discussed the Chambers of Commerce in different communities and the important role they play. This was brought to the Board, and it was decided that the Board of Trustees would become members of:
 - Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce (new membership);
 - St. Albert Chamber of Commerce (new membership);
 - Town of Legal Chamber of Commerce (new membership);
 - Town of Morinville Chamber of Commerce (previous member); and
 - Town of Redwater Chamber of Commerce (new membership).
- ✓ Council of School Councils' (COSC):
 - The Committee recommended that COSC be held twice annually. The meetings were held:
 - October 25, 2022; and
 - March 21, 2023.
- ✓ Municipal Partner Meetings:
 - Town of Morinville (January 25, 2023);
 - Town of Redwater (February 15, 2023); and
 - Sturgeon County (May 10, 2023).



- ✓ Neighbouring School Division Board of Trustees Meeting:
 - Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools (June 16, 2023).

- ✓ Provincial Election – Candidate Meetings:
 - NDP Candidate Karen Shaw – Morinville-St. Albert (April 26, 2023);
 - UCP Candidate Dale Nally – Morinville-St. Albert (May 10, 2023 – CANCELLED due to provincial wildfires);
 - UCP Candidate Shane Getson – Lac St. Anne-Parkland (May 10, 2023 – CANCELLED due to provincial wildfires); and
 - NPD Candidate Oneil Carlier – Lac St. Anne-Parkland (declined an invitation to meet).
 - The Advocacy Committee recommends the Board meets with MLAs Nally and Getson in fall 2023.

- ✓ Student Advisory Committee Meetings:
 - December 12, 2022 (in person);
 - February 27, 2023 (virtually); and
 - May 16, 2023 (in person).

- ✓ Trustee Representation at events in 2022-2023:
 - The Board of Trustees ensured Board representation at events throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

The Committee Chair is prepared to respond to questions at the June 28, 2023, Public Board meeting.