

TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public School Community
August 2023



Introducing the 2023/2024 Chair & Vice Chair

Irene Gibbons - Chair
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Summer Project Update

Facility Services is working toward the completion of the department's summer projects planned for summer 2023. To view the Facility Services - Summer Project Update that lists the projects and completion status for the period of July 1 - August 31, 2023, [click here](#).

Public Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of Trustees has approved the schedule of Public Board meetings for the 2023-2024 school year. Meetings will be held at the Frank Robinson Education Centre in Morinville at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- September 27, 2023
- October 25, 2023
- November 29, 2023
- December 20, 2023
- January 24, 2024
- February 28, 2024
- March 27, 2024
- April 24, 2024
- May 22, 2024
- June 19, 2024

Holiday Card Artwork Search

In 2010, the Division initiated a project involving student artwork for its annual Christmas cards. During the most recent school year, Trustees expressed an interest in reviving this project and tasked the Advocacy Committee to set up a process.

The Holiday Card Artwork Search Permission Form will be distributed to all Principals during the August 25, 2023, Administrative Council meeting to share with students, parents, staff and communities. Student artwork submissions will be accepted at Central Office until October 6th. Trustees will review the submitted artwork at the October Committee of the Whole Meeting and the selected winners will be announced at the October Public Board meeting.

Find the permission form [here](#).

Camilla School Drainage Improvements

The efforts to tackle the drainage issue at Camilla School have made substantial strides recently, primarily revolving around negotiations with Sturgeon County concerning adjustments to the Northern drainage pond.

The progress made in addressing the Camilla School drainage issue is encouraging, with successful negotiations, proposal acceptance, and change order approval. The dedication of all stakeholders involved underscores the commitment to resolving this issue effectively and ensuring the long-term functionality of the drainage system.



Pre-Kindergarten Noon Transportation - Application Deadline Extended to September 28, 2023 for Morinville, Redwater and Gibbons

In response to feedback, Transportation Services has evaluated noon transportation options for pre-kindergarten children. The Division wants to provide additional time for parents who may be interested in noon transportation services to submit their transportation applications. The application deadline has been extended to September 28, 4:00 p.m. for Morinville, Redwater, and Gibbons. If viable, a noon transportation route will be added for 2023-2024. If you would like noon transportation for Pre-Kindergarten programming in one of these three communities, [apply](#) here and spread the word.

Summer School Enrolment Summary

Summer School education is important programming to provide students the opportunity to lighten their course load during the year, retake and improve on academic results, or expand their skills and understanding. In Summer 2023, the Division saw the highest number of students enrolled for summer school with the highest number of completions seen in three years. Teachers and staff continue to work diligently to provide excellent and accessible education for students during the summer months.

Summer or Term 4 Student Enrolment

Year	Enrolled	Completed
2022-2023	335	322
2021-2022	244	240
2020-2021	319	281

Policy 500 - Transportation

At the August 23, 2023, Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the revised Board *Policy 500 - Student Transportation Services* as recommended by the Policy Committee. Key Changes to Board Policy 500 include:

- Updates to language to better reflect Alberta Legislation under the Education Act;
- Updates to better reflect the changes to the Rural Transportation Grant in the 2023-2024 Funding Manual.
- Fee information is captured in a new [Administrative Procedure 464 - Fees](#).
- Contract Bus Service Procedures are captured in Administrative Procedure 550 - Contract Bus Service.

To view the updated Policy 500, [click here](#).

2023-2024 Fee Schedule

The Board's role in approving fees is captured in *Policy 225 - Board Responsibility and Conduct* and is clearly defined in provincial legislation through the Education Act and corresponding regulations.

The Board shall annually approve the type and amount of fees that may be charged by the Division as part of the budget process to ensure effective stewardship of the Board's resources [Education Act s. 33(1)(i)].

AP464 - Fees is a new Administrative Procedure that includes Exhibit 1 - 2023-2024 Fee Schedule. The new Fee Schedule is a step to ensure transparency and clarity across the Division on standardized fees.

To view the 2023-2024 Fee Schedule, [click here](#).

A Message from the Board of Trustees

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! To all students, parents/guardians and staff, we send our best wishes. We trust you've had a fantastic summer break and enjoyed quality time with loved ones.

This year holds the promise of fresh educational opportunities. We're dedicated to collaborating with parents/guardians, teachers and students to create an enriching learning environment. Whether you're returning or new, your presence is valued and we're excited to embark on this journey together.

