



**Date:** April 24, 2024 **Agenda Item:** 7.2

**To:** Board of Trustees

**From:** Shawna Warren, Superintendent

**Originator(s):** Shawna Warren, Superintendent

**Governance Policy:** [Board Policy 225: Role of the Board](#)

**Additional Reference:** [Board Policy 225: Appendix A - Advocacy Plan](#)

**Assurance Domain:** Governance  
Local & Societal

**Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)**

SLQS Competencies ([SLQS](#) / [Board Policy 700](#)):

Building Effective Relationships  
Visionary Leadership  
School Authority Operations and Resources  
Supporting Effective Governance

**Subject:** **School Name Change: Morinville Public School**

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**Purpose:**

For approval. Motion required.

**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the renaming of École Morinville Public School to Morinville Public School.

**Background:**

A board, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to provide, where appropriate, for the engagement of parents in board matters (Education Act Section 33(1)(c)). The Board provides overall direction and leadership to the Division and exercises its authority through a democratic process (Policy 225 Role of the Board).

Morinville Public School has had multiple, informal name changes over the years. The legal name registered with Alberta Education, however, has always been and continues to be Morinville Public School.

The following is a summary of informal name changes since 2012:

- When the school opened in 2012, it was named Morinville Public Elementary School.
- September 2014, the school was renamed Morinville Public School to reflect the addition of Junior High classes with the first group of Grade 7 students.

- September 2019, Morinville Public School split into two schools: Morinville Public Elementary School and Four Winds Public School. Both schools were housed in the same building awaiting the new 5-9 school build.
- Morinville Public Elementary School was renamed École Morinville Public School by Board Motion on September 25, 2019.

The Division has expanded French Immersion programming a grade each year beginning with Kindergarten in 2012. French Immersion programming is now offered in three different schools, Morinville Public School, Four Winds Public School and Sturgeon Composite High School, Kindergarten through High School.

The school has never had a permanent name sign on the outside of the building. To date, it continues to have a large vinyl sign hanging above the front doors to the school. To support the Board to make an informed decision regarding the forward facing name of the school that considered community values and represented the interests of the entire Division, the Principal engaged parents in a survey to gather feedback on the name change. 113 parents responded to the survey. 76/133 (67%) parents supported having the legal name of Morinville Public School as the forward facing name.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the April 24, 2024, Public Board meeting.

**Attachment(s):**

Not applicable.