



**Date:** September 23, 2024 **Agenda Item:** 7.4

**To:** Board of Trustees

**From:** Shawna Warren, Superintendent

**Originator(s):** Jonathan Konrad, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

**Subject:** **2024-2025 Council of School Councils' Meetings**

**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Board of Trustees approve that the Council of School Councils' Meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, take place at the Morinville Rendez Vous Centre with a meal to be served at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, take place at a Sturgeon Public school, to be determined, with light refreshments and snacks to be served at 6:30 p.m.

**Background:**

The Council of School Councils' (COSC) is an informal gathering of the chair and/or vice chair of each school council for the purpose of sharing information, building connections between the school councils and facilitating communication between the Board of Trustees, school councils and the Division's administrative team.

Each year, the Board of Trustees hosts the first meeting of the Sturgeon Public Schools' Council of School Councils. The first meeting is usually held in late October or early November in order to give all Sturgeon Public schools the opportunity to have their first school council meeting to elect their chair and vice chair positions prior to meeting with the Board. In addition, there are no individual school council meetings on the dates provided and consideration has also been given to avoid Parent Teacher Interview evenings.

At the May 22, 2024, Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved that two Council of School Councils' Meetings will take place in person on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 and Wednesday, March 5, 2025, for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Status & Relationship to Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS):**

This report aligns with the [SLQS](#) in the following way:

- COMPETENCY:** (1) Building Effective Relationships
- INDICATORS:** e. establishing constructive relationships with students, staff, school councils, parents/guardians, employee organizations, the education ministry and other stakeholder organizations; and  
f. facilitating the meaningful participation of members of the school community and local community in decision-making.

<b>COMPETENCY:</b>	(7) Supporting Effective Governance
<b>INDICATORS:</b>	k. supporting the board in its engagement with the school community to develop a vision of a preferred future for student success; and l. facilitating ongoing public communication about the board's operations and the achievement of its goals and priorities.

**Governance Implications:**[Education Act](#)

School council

55(1) For each school operated by a board, a school council must be established in accordance with the regulations.

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

The Board of Trustees believes that school councils provide valuable advisory assistance to the school principal and to the Board [Education Act s.55, the School Councils Regulation, and the Alberta School Councils Resource Guide]. Specifically, the Board:

11. Meet at least annually with the Council of School Councils or School Council Chairs.

[Administrative Procedure 211: School Councils](#)

5. A Council of School Councils (COSC) provides an opportunity for the Division's school council membership to meet and share strategies and experiences. COSC enables effective communication among the School Councils, the Division, the Superintendent and the community. As per Board Policy 225: Role of the Board, COSC will meet at least once annually.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the September 23, 2024, Public Board meeting.

**Attachment(s):**

Not applicable.