



## MEMORANDUM

November 30, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting

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<b>TO</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>FROM</b>	Shauna Boyce, Superintendent
<b>ORIGINATOR</b>	Dr. Meg Miskolzie, Associate Superintendent, Student Supports and Services
<b>RESOURCE</b>	Christine Ross, Division Principal, Wellness and Community Partnerships
<b>GOVERNANCE POLICY</b>	Board Policy 2: Role of the Board Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent
<b>ADDITIONAL REFERENCE</b>	BP 2: Section 6. Collaboration BP 12: Section 6. Superintendent/Board Relations BP 12: Section 8. Communications and Community Relations Board Annual Work Plan
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORT</b>

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### PURPOSE

For information. No recommendation required.

### BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees promotes positive community engagement within the Division and represents the community's needs, hopes and desires for education. The Board is also responsible to create and adhere to the Board Annual Work Plan. The Community Partnership Report is in support of these responsibilities.

### REPORT SUMMARY

The Community Partnership Report describes the Division's work of building healthy and sustainable relationships with partners across the region. These partnerships take place in order to enhance a teacher's ability to deliver the Alberta Program of Studies as well as to ensure that children and youth experience success and well-being inside and outside of schools.

Administration would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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## Community Partnership Report NOVEMBER 2021

Presented to the Board of Trustees, November 30, 2021

Dr. Meg Miskolzie, Associate Superintendent, Student Supports and Services

Resource: Christine Ross, Division Principal, Wellness and Community Partnerships

*Our Students Possess the confidence, resilience, insight and skills required to thrive in, and positively impact, the world.*

### BACKGROUND

Since 2012, Parkland School Division has focused on the Ultimate Goal of Student Success and Well-being. PSD schools have been working with community partners in diverse ways to address the well-being of each child. Community Partners are individuals or organizations that support, coordinate, fund, and/or provide services related to educational goals including the health and well-being of students and families. These partnerships enhance a teacher's ability to deliver the Alberta Program of Studies as well as to provide meaningful relationships with healthy adult mentors within our region.

This year, PSD continues to address wellness in the face of COVID. We are working to shift the ways that we work and show up alongside our communities to ensure that all children and youth experience success and well-being inside and outside of schools. This is the work of building healthy and sustainable relationships with partners across the region.

Developing and maintaining community partnerships is supported by the Wellness and Community Partnership Team which includes; the Division Principal of Wellness and Community Partnerships, the Divisional Psychologist, the Wellness Coordinator, the Family School Facilitator, the Sunrise Program Liaison, and Student Services. A review of board reports showcases that, over time, Parkland School Division has increased the amount and depth of its regional resources to directly support Early Education to Grade 12 students and PSD staff. We are intentional in working with our staff to build their skillset around how to initiate, maintain, and measure the effectiveness of community partnerships as they relate to the goals of Parkland School Division.

### 2021-2022 PSD Community Partnerships

*In addition to the partnerships listed below, individual schools have developed partnerships relevant to the community that they serve.*

#### Tri-Municipal Community VTRA & Intervention Protocol Partners:

North American Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response

Aboriginal Parent Link

Children and Families Services

Grande Yellowhead Public Schools

Parkland County

Town of Stony Plain

AHS Mental Health

City of Spruce Grove

Living Waters Christian Academy

RCMP

Unlimited Potential

Alberta Parenting for the Future

Evergreen Catholic Schools

Mother Earth Children's Charter School

St. Matthew's Lutheran Academy

**Sunrise Support Partners:**

AHS Mental Health  
Children and Families Services

AHS Addictions  
FSCD

Alberta Justice

**Health and Wellness Partners:**

AHS Mental Health  
Aspire Psychological Services  
Canadian Tire Jumpstart  
CHANGE Health - Dr. Klein  
Freson Bros.Healing Seed (fruit)  
Neighborhood Link  
Primary Care Network  
Remuda Horsemanship  
St Andrew’s United Church

AHS Mobile Addictions Counselling  
APFA Grandparent Program  
Canadian Voyageur Brigade  
Everactive Schools  
Little Green Thumbs (Tower Garden)  
Our Community Pantry  
Rainbow Connection (Save on Foods)  
Spruce Grove Rotarians  
Westview Health Center

Alberta Parenting for the Future  
Breakfast Clubs of Canada  
CASA  
Family Life Psychology  
Little Oaks Psychology  
PLAY Parkland - Tri-Leisure Rec  
RCMP - Cst. Gord Marshall (SRO)  
Sobeys

**Staff Wellness Partners:**

Aerials Gymnastics  
Deep Blue Athletics/Cheer  
Orange Theory Fitness  
Aquatics/Crossfit/Weightlifting,  
Yoga, Music -T:C

Capital Soccer  
Hip Hop/Dance/Theater- Karar Dance  
Panther's Boxing Sound Therapy

Cobbs Bread  
Kangoo Club  
Starbucks

**Educational Partners:**

Aerials Gymnastics  
Capital SP Academy (soccer)  
Deep Blue Athletics  
Parkland Golf Academy  
Parkland Pirates

Athlete Collective (sport performance)  
CASA  
EPSB Hospital School  
Parkland Hockey Group  
Reading Volunteers

Building Futures – Coventry Homes  
Cutting Edge Ringette Academy  
Excelerate Dance Academy  
Parkland Minor Ball Assoc.  
University of Alberta Botanical Gardens

**Community Building Partners:**

Achieving Community Together  
Alberta Ballet  
Camp Yowochas - YWCA  
Co-op  
Good Samaritan Seniors Centre  
Indigenous Elders  
Lighthouse Church  
Parkland County  
Spruce Grove Community Church  
Stony Plain Public Library  
United Church

AB Fish & Wildlife  
Before & After School Care Providers  
City of Spruce Grove  
Crime Watch  
Goodwill Industries  
Junior ATB - financial lit class  
Lions Club  
Paul First Nation  
Spruce Grove Fire Dept.  
Stony Plain Youth Centre

AB Bottle Recycling - recycling clubs  
Big Brothers and Big Sisters  
City of SG Peace Officers  
Family & Community Support Svcs  
Hamlet of Wabamun  
Kinettes  
Parkland Bylaw Enforcement  
Rotary Interact  
Spruce Grove Log Cabin  
Town of Stony Plain

## PSD's Family Support Model

### PSD Family Supports and Sunrise Supports

PSD offers support to identified families through the Family Supports Facilitator, who works 1:1 with families to provide coaching, support, and connection to community services. Additionally, Sunrise Supports is available for families who would benefit from a multi-agency collaborative response.

Families who access PSD Family Supports and/or Sunrise Supports have typically experienced significant trauma in their lives and/or have been impacted by various factors (as seen in table below). All of these factors have been magnified through the pandemic.

Supporting families impacted by trauma is complex and is a continual process. Typically, families might be aware of some supports and services in their community, but require support to navigate the systems and access supports. PSD's innovative and unique approach of relationally-focused supports allow for a coaching model to meet families where they are at, resulting in increased access to support and services and increased success for students and their families. The success of the PSD's Family Support Model rests in a caring, nurturing, supportive approach where families are welcomed without judgement and therefore are more likely to be engaged in working to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

Factors impacting families supported by PSD Family Supports and Sunrise Supports (March 2020-June 2021):															
	Impacted by domestic violence	Poverty	Addiction	Mental Illness (Parent)	Mental Illness (Child)	Grief and Loss	Single Parent Family	Marital Breakdown	Incarceration of Parent	Food insecurity	Sexual Assault	CFS Involvement	Autism Spectrum	Police Involvement	Attendance concerns (severe)
PSD Family Supports: <b>111 Families</b>	58%	58%	73%	97%	97%	13%	69%	13%	13%	39%	6%	53%	1%	61%	47%
Sunrise Supports: <b>36 Families</b>	17%	23%	38%	43%	76%	11%	28%	20%	1%	16%	14%	29%	13%	24%	32%

### Strong Families Newsletter

Monthly newsletter released to highlight local, available, and relevant support for families.

**Strong Families Education Series** (online sessions for parents) 15 sessions for the 2021-2022 school year  
 Topics: Family Communication, Strategies to support anxiety, Social Skills, Bedtime Yoga, Self- Regulation Strategies, Understanding ADHD, and ODD, Co-Parenting, The Teen Brain, Stress, Trauma and Addiction, Understanding FASD, Paying It Forward, and support for parenting LGBTQ+ youth.

**Supports and services we connected with this year and connected families to this reporting period:**

4C	Adaptabilities	Adult Drop in Counselling -Northgate
Adult Drop in Counselling-Rutherford	Adult Drop in Counselling- SG	Adult Mental Health
AHS Addiction-Family Counselling	Alberta Works	APFA - Parenting Sessions
APFA - Triple P Parenting	Auggies Cafe	Autism Edmonton
BILY	Bredin	CASA
CASE	Catholic Social Services FASD	Century 21
CFS - Sunrise Team Member	CHAD	Christmas Hampers
CMH	Family Court Counselling	Family Life Psychology
FCSS Housing Coordinator	FCSS-Sunrise Team Member	Food Bank
FSCD - Sunrise Team Member	Good Neighbour Fund	Grief and Loss Support Group
Grandparents Support Group (SPVS)	Guidance Through Crisis	High Risk Youth Initiative
Hospitals-Glenrose, Royal Alex, Stollery	Jumpstart	Kidsport
Little Oaks Psychology	Living with Loss to Suicide	Mobile addictions worker (AHS)
Neighbour Link	Occasio	Paradigm Esteem
Pediatricians	Permanency Supports	Pilgrims Hospice
PSECA	RCMP - Sunrise Team Member	RCMP domestic Violence Team
Remuda Horsemanship	Ricoh Scholarship	SACE
SCAN	Sleep Country Canada	Solicitor General -Sunrise Team Member
Spruce Grove Community Church	Spruce Grove Library	Spruce Grove Peace Officers
Step Up	Stony Plain Library	Stony Plain Youth Centre
Turning Points	Victim's Services	Walk in Mental Health
Westview PCN-Community Connectors	Westview PCN Social Worker	Zebra Child Protection Center

**Highlighted Community Partnerships****Breakfast Clubs of Canada (BCC):**

awarded PSD with funding to run breakfast programs throughout the year with the following schools: Ecole Broxton Park, Entwistle, Forest Green, Greystone Centennial, Ecole Meridian Meridian Heights, Parkland Village, Stony Plain Central, Wabamun and Woodhaven Middle School.

**Emergency Lunch Program:**

Our Community Pantry is a partnership between the Spruce Grove Rotarians, St. Andrew's United Church and local grocers to help create an emergency lunch program for children and youth in schools. The program will run on Mondays and Thursdays beginning in December 2021 and provide a healthy lunch (cold) including a whole fruit item for the number of students put forth by the selected schools.

The PSD schools chosen have the highest food requests for the current nutrition nook and breakfast programs. Delivery will be completed by the Community Pantry volunteers. These lunches are jointly funded through the Spruce Grove Rotarians and the Alberta Education Nutrition Grant to support the following schools: Parkland Village, Stony Plain Central, Greystone Centennial Middle School, Prescott Learning Centre

**CHANGE Health and Westview Primary Care Network (PCN):**

CHANGE Health, the PCN, and PSD are partnered in the creation and implementation of three Community Connector positions, with supervision being primarily provided through the Primary Care Network.

Community Connectors supports youth (age 11+) and their families to access community and mental health support by working collaboratively with community stakeholders, social service agencies, and health care

providers. They act as a living library of information regarding health and wellness resources that are available within the community, provincially, and virtually. Rather than calling 811 or performing an online search, the Community Connector can provide information to meet the needs of students and their families and remain connected to provide ongoing support.

There are currently three Community Connectors supporting youth and families in Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Rural schools.