

**MEMORANDUM**

March 7, 2023
Regular Board Meeting

TO Board of Trustees

FROM Shauna Boyce, Superintendent

ORIGINATOR Mark Francis, Deputy Superintendent
Scott McFadyen, Associate Superintendent

RESOURCE Serge LaBrie, Director of Facilities Services
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GOVERNANCE POLICY Board Policy 2: Role of the Board
Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE BP 2: Resource Stewardship
Education Act

SUBJECT **RELOCATION OF STONY PLAIN AND SPRUCE GROVE OUTREACH CENTRES**

PURPOSE

For Information. No recommendation required.

BACKGROUND

The Board is responsible to ensure effective stewardship of the Board’s resources while meeting “*the needs of all students enrolled in a school operated by the board and to enable their success*” [Education Act; section 33; article 1(a)]. This report is in support of these responsibilities.

REPORT SUMMARY

On February 24, 2023, Parkland School Division announced to its stakeholders, changes to the outreach and virtual learning programming, which will commence at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

In an effort to centralize resources and support, and to bring programming offered by the Division’s Connections for Learning (CFL) under one roof, PSD is relocating all outreach and virtual learning programming to the École Broxton Park School (EBPS) site, beginning in the fall of 2023. Modular classrooms will be

connected to the west side of the existing school but will remain self-contained, with separate access from the French Immersion and Specialized Classrooms currently at École Broxton Park School.

The improved site for student learning will offer an enhanced educational environment and increased programming focused on the needs of students enrolled in outreach, alternative programming and in virtual programs. In an effort to improve the quality of our programming and the array of services offered to students in these programs. The new location allows PSD to improve the setting for student learning while offering more space for programming.

This additional space will house staff needed to support all outreach and virtual learning students. Specifically, there will be a CFL administrator on site to work directly with these programs as well as the Parkland Student Athlete Academy students who currently receive their in-class instruction at EBPS. There will be no changes to the programs that currently operate at CFL's main campus in Stony Plain.

In addition to utilizing currently unused land around École Broxton Park School, and in the spirit of resource stewardship, the Division will be relocating five modular classrooms from PSD schools that have capacity to accommodate the changes. Facilities Services staff will work throughout the summer to have these classrooms installed and ready to go by the start of school this fall. There will be one modular classroom coming from Blueberry School, 2 modular classrooms from Entwistle School and 2 modular classrooms from Tomahawk School.

The move will place PSD in a better position to request new funding and projects as PSD's overall utilization will increase.

Administration would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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

BACKGROUND

Parkland School Division (PSD) operates two Outreach Campuses under the Administration of Connections for Learning (CFL). The Junior High Outreach campus/Virtual School is in Stony Plain and the Senior High Outreach campus is in Spruce Grove.

Over the last five years, PSD had been consolidating its distance delivery programs under the administration of Connections for Learning. The Outreach Campuses, prior to 2019-2020 School Year were operated by Spruce Grove Composite High School and Memorial High School. Connections for Learning ran a third, offsite Outreach Campus (The Learning Hub) and accommodated a small number of Jr High Students at the Connections for Learning campus. In the 2019-2020 School Year, CFL took over operation of the Outreach Schools, and consolidated operations from three to two campuses. In 2021-2022 an expanded Virtual School Program was added. Since consolidation of the Outreach Campuses, there has been movement of programs between the CFL Main Campus, the Spruce Grove Outreach and the Stony Plain Outreach to accommodate the number of students and staff.

Additionally, the Academic Achievement Centers (commonly referred to as In-reach) at both High Schools are now operated by Connections for Learning. These distance learning/modular based programs provide opportunity for students who cannot fit courses into their schedule.

Alberta Education has recently changed the funding and regulations in regards to Outreach Schools. Previously, in order to receive funding, an Outreach School had to be located in a separate building. Under the current funding manual, Outreach Schools can now be located in an existing school building. A number of jurisdictions have begun the process of attaching or relocating Outreach Campuses into existing school buildings.

The Outreach Campuses in Spruce Grove and Stony Plain are leased spaces for approximately \$120,000 per year. Both Leases expire in the 2023-2024 School Year.

REPORT

PSD is announcing changes to their outreach and virtual learning programming, to take effect at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. The current Spruce Grove and Stony Plain Campuses are to be consolidated at the École Broxton Park School site.

Five modular classrooms will be connected to the west side of École Broxton Park School but will remain self-contained, with separate access from the French Immersion and Specialized Classrooms currently at École Broxton Park School. Existing space at Broxton will be used to house offices and washroom facilities.

This additional space will house staff needed to support all outreach and virtual learning students. Specifically, there will be a CFL administrator on site to work directly with these programs as well as the Parkland Student Athlete Academy (PSAA) students who currently receive their in-class instruction in classroom space at École Broxton Park School.

Currently, CFL operates programs at four separate campuses (CFL Main Campus, Spruce Grove Outreach, Stony Plain Outreach, and PSAA at École Broxton Park School). The move will eliminate the need to lease two separate buildings and allow staff to better support students in their specialized learning programs. The improved site for student learning will offer an enhanced educational environment, including enhanced Internet access via the Supernet and allow for the consolidation of resources and, subsequently increase opportunities for programming for our students enrolled in outreach, alternative or virtual learning programs.

PSD is working with an architect to review the site plan and changes are expected to bus lanes and parking concerns at the school, including the overall traffic flow - a key need identified by the EBPS community.

In addition to utilizing currently unused land around École Broxton Park School, and in the spirit of resource stewardship, the Division will be relocating five modular classrooms from PSD schools that have capacity to accommodate the changes. PSD will work throughout the summer to have these classrooms installed and ready to go.

The modular classrooms will be relocated from:

- Blueberry School - 1
- Entwistle School - 2
- Tomahawk School – 2