



MEMORANDUM

April 11, 2023
Regular Board Meeting

TO	Board of Trustees
FROM	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
ORIGINATOR	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
RESOURCE	Board of Trustees and Executive Team
GOVERNANCE POLICY	Board Policy 8: Board Committees Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE	BP 8: Appendix 8.1 Governance and Planning Committee
SUBJECT	GOVERNANCE & PLANNING SESSION (GPS)

PURPOSE

For information. No recommendation required.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Governance and Planning Committee is to provide an opportunity for all Trustees to engage in dialogue on generative governance, strategic planning, advocacy, student engagement and operational understanding. The Superintendent reports directly to the corporate Board and is accountable to the Board of Trustees for the conduct and operation of the Division. The following report shares the unapproved Minutes from the March 21, 2023, GPS Meeting.

REPORT SUMMARY

On March 21, 2023, the Governance and Planning Committee met in the morning to discuss a number of topics chose in advance by both the Board of trustees and the Executive Team. The following report is a record of this meeting.

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**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNANCE & PLANNING SESSION (GPS)**

Meeting held at the Centre for Education, Boardroom, in Stony Plain, Alberta
On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
Aileen Wagner, Trustee
Aimee Hennig, Trustee (*via video conferencing*)
Paul McCann, Trustee
Eric Cameron, Trustee
Anne Montgomery, Trustee
Shauna Boyce, Superintendent
Mark Francis, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent
Scott McFadyen, Associate Superintendent
Jordi Weidman, Director of Strategic Communications
Keri Zylla, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

Jill Osborne, Vice-Chair
Dr. Meg Miskolzie, Associate Superintendent

1. WELCOME & LEARNING MOMENT

- 1.1. Call to Order:** Board Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- 1.2. Land Acknowledgement:** Acknowledgement of Treaty Territory by Board Chair Stewart.
- 1.3. Changes to the Agenda:** Change the order to switch agenda item 4: Governance, with agenda item 5: Strategic Planning.
- 1.4. Approval of the Agenda:**
MOVED by Trustee Cameron that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1.5. Approval of the February 21, 2023, GPS Minutes:**
MOVED by Trustee Wagner that the GPS Minutes of February 21, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. IN-CAMERA: OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

MOVED by Trustee McCann to move in-camera at 9:04 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Trustee McCann to re-enter the GPS Meeting at 10:37 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent Boyce shared that Administration will develop some key messages regarding the design process for Spruce Grove Composite High School, for Trustees to share with stakeholders.

Board Chair Stewart called a recess at 10:38 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:46 a.m.

3. OPERATIONS & INFORMATION

3.1. Athabasca Delta Community School (ASCS) Update: Superintendent Boyce and Deputy Superintendent Francis provided an update on ADCS Transportation, a public inquiry in Fort Chipewyan and the continued work in operations of ADCS. PSD is excited to continue building relationships with ADCS families throughout this process. Discussion ensued.

3.2. 2023-2024 Funding: Associate Superintendent McFadyen shared information regarding the new 2023-2024 funding model and provided some comparisons between the 2022-2023 budget and 2023-2024 budget forecast.

Superintendent Boyce provided some key messages regarding transportation for Trustees to provide to parents and school councils, and Associate Superintendent McFadyen discussed some of the complexities involved with changes to transportation funding. Discussion ensued.

Board Chair Stewart called a recess break for the Student Advisory Committee meeting, at 11:55 a.m. Meeting resumed at 2:38 pm

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING:

4.1. Education Planning Day Prep: Association Superintendent Johnston provided a brief overview of the agenda for the annual Education Planning Day to be held Thursday, April 6, 2023. The day will include table conversations, group sharing and a “Drop-a-Thought” Box to allow stakeholders to share any additional thoughts. Discussion ensued.

4.2. Advocacy: Board Chair Stewart shared a number of advocacy documents including advocacy priorities from associations, articles, open letters, post-card-points, and stakeholder meeting information in preparation for the provincial election.

Trustees discussed election advocacy in a local context and drafted a list of priorities for PSD Trustees to highlight with stakeholders and advocate for during the upcoming provincial election. Discussion ensued.

Board Chair Stewart discussed feedback from other school boards regarding PSDs Open Letter sent to ASBA board members on February 16, 2023.

5. GOVERNANCE

5.1. Association Business:

- **Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA):** Trustees briefly discussed the PSBAA Election Packet content.

Trustee McCann exited at 3:37 p.m.

- **Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA):** Trustees briefly discussed the ASBA Election Packet content.

5.2. School Council Update:

Trustees shared information from the various school council meetings they've attended.

6. CLOSING

5.1. Discussion with Superintendent:

Trustees engaged in discussion with Superintendent Boyce regarding any further questions or requests for additional information.

5.2. Topics to come forward to the next Board Meeting:

None.

5.3. Roundtable Discussion:

Board Chair Stewart closed the GPS meeting with a roundtable discussion.

5.4. Adjournment:

Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m. (**FULL DAY**)