

Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 11, 2023



Our Vision

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

Our Board

Aileen Wagner WARD 1

Lorraine Stewart (Chair)
WARD 2

Aimee Hennig

Paul McCann WARD 4

Eric Cameron WARD 5

Anne Montgomery WARD 5

Jill Osborne (V. Chair)
WARD 5

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French Immersion Delegation

The Board welcomed a delegation comprised of students and staff from Spruce Grove Composite High School, École Broxton Park School and École Meridian Heights School. The group shared information and experiences from French Immersion, an optional program of choice in PSD.



Quarterly Financial Report

Trustees received as information the <u>Quarterly</u> <u>Financial Report</u>.

As of February 28, 2023:

- Revenues year-to-date were \$75.1 million.
- Expenditures year-to-date were \$73.0 million.
- The result was a surplus of \$2.1 million.

A deficit of \$2.8 million is forecast for the year ended August 31, 2023, which is higher than budgeted. The Division projects an operating reserve (before School Generated Funds) of \$3.6 million. This amount is \$763,000 below the cap of \$4.3 million. The projection is pending provincial government approval of a \$1.6 million transfer to Capital Reserves.

PSBAA Award Nomination

The Board recognized longtime Trustee and former Chair and Vice Chair, Eric Cameron by announcing his nomination for the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Dick Baker Legacy Award. The award is bestowed on a public school board trustee who has modelled the values of integrity, compassion, respect, mentoring, leadership and engagement of the heart and mind while putting children first.

Budget Assumptions

The Board approved the <u>2023-2024 Budget</u> <u>Assumptions</u>. The assumptions are key components which the budget is built around, including revenues, allocation to schools, enrolment and key expenditures such as staffing.

Board Policy 7

The Board approved the revised version of <u>Board Policy 7: Board Operations</u>.

Advocacy Update

As per PSD's <u>Board Policy 1</u>: the Board shall establish and maintain governance and organizational structures that promote student well-being and success which includes an annual plan for advocacy. Recent Board activity related to advocacy includes:

- On March 20, 2023, Trustee Stewart and Superintendent Boyce met with Spruce Grove Mayor, Jeff Acker to discuss support for the Spruce Grove Composite High School replacement school and the role of PSD in regards to Horizon Stage (a municipal asset located within SGCHS).
- Developing messages that will help parents/ guardians, school councils and the public advocate for public education leading up to the Provincial General Election. Messaging will focus on our local priorities, including school builds to address population needs, provincial funding for long-term planning in public schools, cross-ministry partnerships, curriculum development and stability in learning.
- Arranging discussions with local candidates to inform them of our issues and priorities.

Other highlights

Trustees received the following as information:

• Student Engagement Report