



MEMORANDUM

September 12, 2023
Regular Board Meeting

TO	Board of Trustees
FROM	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
ORIGINATOR	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair
RESOURCE	Parkland School Division Board of Trustees
GOVERNANCE POLICY	Board Policy 2: Role of the Board
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE	Education Plan: Governance Outcome 10: Trustees Engage, Listen and Advocate Education Plan: Governance Outcome 11: Trustees Demonstrate Responsibility <i>Education Act</i>
SUBJECT	GOVERNANCE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT THE 2024 ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION (ASCA) CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PURPOSE

For approval. A recommendation is required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approves allocating up to a maximum of \$6,000 of the Governance Budget to financially support school council attendance to the 2024 Alberta School Councils Association Conference and Annual General Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The *Education Act*, section 55 and the Alberta Education School Councils Regulation (2019) provides for the establishment of School Councils.

Parkland School Division trustees attend monthly school council meetings at the invitation of the school council and report back to the Board at their Governance and Planning Session meetings. Parkland School Division Board of Trustees has established the Council of School Councils and hosts four to five meetings per year to provide an opportunity for sharing, development and networking.

The Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) promotes parent engagement in public education. Each year, ASCA hosts an annual Conference and Annual General Meeting which is one of the most important events for parents on school councils. The event provides numerous development sessions for school council members; opportunities for attendees to share information and network with colleagues; and discussion on resources to help build school communities and student success

REPORT SUMMARY

Parkland School Division Board of Trustees values the work done by school councils and supports continuous improvement of school councils. Student learning is supported and enhanced by providing meaningful opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in their child's education.

The funding from this resolution supports our school councils by helping to cover registration costs for attendance at the ASCA Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting in 2024. The particulars of the application process will be reviewed by the Board to ensure equal opportunity is provided among Parkland School Division's School Councils prior to the 2024 ASCA Conference and Annual General Meeting registration deadline.

Any funding provided to school councils for this purpose, up to a maximum of \$6,000, will be taken from the Board's annual Governance Budget.

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