



MEMORANDUM

January 23, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

TO	Board of Trustees
FROM	Shauna Boyce, Superintendent
ORIGINATOR	Mark Francis, Deputy Superintendent
RESOURCE	Alberta School Boards Association
GOVERNANCE POLICY	Board Policy 2: Role of the Board Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE	Board Annual Work Plan
SUBJECT	EDWIN PARR SELECTION COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

For approval. Recommendation required.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board of Trustees directs administration to establish a submission deadline for schools to nominate a first-year teacher for the Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr Award; and
2. That the Board of Trustees identifies three Trustees to sit on an Edwin Parr Selection Committee for 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Board is responsible to adhere to the Board Annual Work Plan. The Edwin Parr Selection Committee recommendation is in support of this responsibility.

REPORT SUMMARY

Edwin Parr homesteaded in the Meanook area near Athabasca in 1920. Prior to 1925 he began his long career in educational affairs as a member of the board with the George Lake School District. He served as chair of the board with the Athabasca School Division and was on the council of the County of Athabasca from its formation in 1959 until his death in January 1963. Edwin Parr was president of the Alberta School Trustees' Association

from 1956 to 1962. Ed Parr, as he was known to all, instituted an “Annual Teacher Award” in his school system. Each year a member of the teaching staff was chosen to receive a gold watch and an appropriate certificate for long and meritorious service.

In searching for a way in which his memory might be perpetuated and to honor the profession he so dearly respected, the Alberta School Trustees’ Association established the Edwin Parr Teacher Award in 1964.

Criteria

- Any first year K-12 teacher is eligible for nomination.
- A minimum of 100 full-time equivalent days of teaching within the current school year is required (i.e. September 2020 to June 2021).
- May have up to 120 days of teaching service prior to signing a full-time contract.

Administration would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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