



## MEMORANDUM

April 09, 2024  
Regular Board Meeting

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

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### 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 19, 2024, GPS Meeting.

### REPORT SUMMARY

On March 19, 2024, the Governance and Planning Committee met to discuss a number of topics, chosen 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 19, 2024, at 9:00 AM

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### Attendance:

Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair  
Aileen Wagner, Vice-Chair  
Paul McCann, Trustee  
Eric Cameron, Trustee  
Anne Montgomery, Trustee  
Jill Osborne, Trustee  
Shauna Boyce, Superintendent  
Mark Francis, Deputy Superintendent  
Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent  
Scott McFadyen, Associate Superintendent  
Dr. Meg Miskolzie, Associate Superintendent  
Jordi Weidman, Director of Strategic Communications  
Keri Zylla, Recording Secretary

### Regrets:

Aimee Hennig, Trustee

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## 1. WELCOME & LEARNING MOMENT

- 1.1. **Call to Order:** Board Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.
- 1.2. **Land Acknowledgement:** Chair Stewart acknowledged Treaty Territory.
- 1.3. **Changes to the Agenda:** Remove agenda item 1.6 Learning Moment and move agenda item 2.1 Spruce Grove Composite High School Update to 3.2.3 under Advocacy.
- 1.4. **Approval of the Agenda:**  
**MOVED by** Vice-Chair Wagner that the Board of Trustees accept the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 1.5. **Approval of the February 27, 2024, GPS Minutes:**  
**MOVED by** Trustee Osborne that the GPS Minutes of February 27, 2024, be approved as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Amendment:** Remove the second "the" from "Add the following the sentence to the end" in agenda item 1.4, and in agenda item 4.5 reference that the meeting was an ASBA hosted event with the Minister of Education, not the Premiere.

## 2. OPERATIONS & INFORMATION

- 2.1. Parkland County joint Use Agreement:** Associate Superintendent McFadyen shared a draft Joint Use Agreement between Parkland County and Parkland School Division and provided an overview of what the agreement entails. Parkland County will discuss the agreement at their Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and vote on the agreement at their Council Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued.
- 2.2. Education Planning Day Overview:** Associate Superintendent Johnston reviewed the participant packages for Education Planning Day and discussed an overview of the day's activities. Discussion ensued.

## 3. GOVERNANCE

### 3.1. Association Business

- 3.1.1. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)** Board Chair Stewart shared highlights from the 'ASBA Educational Priorities and Updates from the Ministry of Education' meeting on March 18, 2024. Some of the issues discussed with the Minister of Education included gender identity, student and staff wellness, new curriculum as well as the approved resources and support for educators. Board Chair Stewart shared some of the feedback provided at the meeting from the tables and from the Minister. Discussion ensued.

Board Chair Stewart shared that she will be giving a presentation on mental health at the next ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting.

- 3.1.2. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)** Trustee Cameron shared feedback from the Trustees and Superintendent Boyce regarding the three greatest challenges of rural school boards, as well as some possible solutions to the challenges. Some of the challenges shared included funding, transportation, recruitment and retention of teachers and mental health and well-being. Discussion ensued.

### 3.2. Advocacy: Board Chair Stewart discussed actions and progress for the following advocacy items:

- 3.2.1. Rural Education:** Discussion included stakeholder engagements, meetings with municipalities, examining historical data of small schools and their community areas, expand programming options, review academic success and wellness, and recruitment and retention of staff.

- **West End Schools Engagement:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Trustees will host an engagement, along with Parkland County, for West End School stakeholders to discuss and support the "Rural Advantage".
- **PSBAA Research Paper:** This agenda item was tabled.

- 3.2.2. Election 2025:** Trustees discussed recruitment for Trustees for the 2025 Election, including: Available access to an online election handbook, clarity on Trustee duties and responsibilities, political forums, video and information pamphlets. Discussion ensued.

**3.2.3. Spruce Grove Composite High School Replacement School:** Chair Stewart shared that we have expressed our disappointment as a Board and will continue to advocate, meet, and collaborate with political officials regarding construction funding. Discussion ensued.

**3.3. School Council Updates:** This agenda item was tabled.

#### 4. STRATEGIC PLANNING

**4.1. Meeting with Evergreen Catholic School Division:** Board Chair Stewart requested Trustees share areas of common interest for the upcoming joint meeting with Evergreen Catholic School Division, on April 4, 2024.

#### 5. 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 include:** There were no topics suggested for the next Board Meeting.

**5.3. Roundtable Discussion:** Board Chair Stewart closed the session with a roundtable discussion.

**5.4. Adjournment:** Board Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. *(FULL DAY)*