



**PARKLAND  
SCHOOL DIVISION**

# Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 28, 2024



## Our Vision

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

## Our Board

Aileen Wagner (V. Chair)  
WARD 1

Lorraine Stewart (Chair)  
WARD 2

Aimee Hennig  
WARD 3

Paul McCann  
WARD 4

Eric Cameron  
WARD 5

Anne Montgomery  
WARD 5

Jill Osborne  
WARD 5

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[www.psd.ca/board](http://www.psd.ca/board)

## Education Plan

The Board approved the [2024-2027 Education Plan](#). The Division's Education Plan is the document that guides the strategic plans for PSD and schools for the following year, within a three year time frame. Information has been gathered from a wide variety of feedback sources, including Trustees, the Superintendent's executive team, school administrators, community stakeholders, students, teachers and parents.

## Fiscal Budget

Trustees approved the [2024-2025 Fiscal Budget](#).

The budget indicates a deficit of \$250,000 which is the result of accounting for the amortization of asset retirement obligation and does not impact operating reserves. Total revenue is \$157,920,167 with expenses of \$158,170,303.

It is expected that the Division's accumulated surplus from operations (inclusive of School Generated Funds of \$756,533) will have a balance of \$5,401,234 as of August 31, 2025.

Revenues increased \$4.4 million (2.9%) from last year's budget and operating expenses increased by \$4.2 million (2.7%).

## Friends of Education Award

The Board welcomed a delegation that included their nominee for the Alberta School Boards Association's [Friends of Education Award](#), the Rotary Club of Spruce Grove Community Partners Society. The Society is an innovative charitable organization and dedicated partner in education. They have made an enormous impact on the students and school communities of PSD through their pursuit of addressing food insecurity for children and their families. Rotarians Diane Brown and John Oldham were in attendance to be acknowledged on behalf of all volunteers.

## Advocacy Update

As per PSD's [Board Policy 1](#): 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:

- The Board sent a letter to the Minister of Education providing information on PSD's Mental Health in Schools pilot project. Trustees emphasized the need for mental health supports in schools and the extended funding required to operate the pilot project.
- Trustees continue to work on their advocacy plan for the replacement of Spruce Grove Composite High School (SGCHS). Alberta Education responded to the Trustees' letter regarding the Horizon Stage community theatre and overall SGCHS replacement project. Budget 2024 did not include [construction funding](#) for the replacement school; however, Alberta Education stated that the project remains a priority for government and will continue to progress using the design funding that was approved in Budget 2023. The project will be considered for construction funding in Budget 2025 as it remains a top priority in [PSD's Capital Plan](#). Alberta Education has requested additional information, including an explanation of how the joint-ownership of the drama space and the provisions of the 1989 agreement (governance of land and structures on the school site) will be managed between the Division and the City of Spruce Grove.

## Other highlights

Trustees received the following as information:

- [Career and Technology Studies Report](#)
- [Education Planning Day Summary](#)
- [Rural Education Engagement Report](#)
- [School Resource Officer Program Summary](#)
- [Student Advisory Report](#)
- [Technology Services Report](#)

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, June 18 at 9 a.m. ([watch the livestream here](#)).