



MEMORANDUM

November 26, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

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| TO | Board of Trustees |
| FROM | Aimee Hennig, Board Vice-Chair |
| ORIGINATOR | Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair |
| GOVERNANCE POLICY | Board Policy 1: Division Foundational Statements Board Policy 2: Role of the Board Board Policy 3: Role of the Trustee |
| ADDITIONAL REFERENCE | Parkland School Division Education Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Objective 6.3: Trustees will demonstrate responsibility • Governance Objective 6.4: Trustees will plan for continual improvement • Governance Objective 6.5: Trustees will foster community engagement |
| SUBJECT | BOARD CHAIR TRAVEL TO JAPAN – SHIKAOI CELEBRATION DELEGATION |

PURPOSE

For approval. A recommendation is required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve sending Board Chair Stewart to participate as part of the delegation for the Town of Stony Plain / Town of Shikaoi Celebration in Japan in April 2025, by allocating \$2500 from the Governance professional development budget to support this trip.

BACKGROUND

On November 1, 2024, the Town of Stony Plain officially invited Dr. Lorraine Stewart to be part of the adult delegation from Stony Plain to celebrate the Town of Shikaoi and Town of Stony Plain 40th Anniversary Celebration in Japan in April, 2025.

2025 is an important year for the Town of Stony Plain and the Province of Alberta celebrating relationship milestones with the country of Japan. The Town of Stony Plain will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of twinning and friendship with the community of Shikaoi in Hokkaido. In addition, the Province of Alberta is celebrating the 45th Anniversary of Hokkaido-Alberta relations.

The Town of Stony Plain, Parkland School Division, and the Town of Shikaoi share a robust annual exchange program with student delegations traveling to each community. The Town of Shikaoi is interested in exploring how the current student exchange program could be developed into a more fulsome exchange, and this travel provides the opportunity for dialogue, fact-gathering, and enhanced relationship-building.

Parkland School Division's tagline is 'Where the World Opens Up', and this experience will demonstrate ways the Board of Trustees action that tagline.

The projected travel cost is approximately \$5000.00, and the Town of Stony Plain would cover 50% of the travel costs. The remaining 50% of the travel costs would come from the Board Budget.

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