



MEMORANDUM

March 11, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

TO	Board of Trustees
FROM	Trustee Eric Cameron, Trustee Montgomery and Trustee Wagner (The Parkland School Division Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee)
ORIGINATOR	Mark Francis, Deputy Superintendent
RESOURCE	The Parkland School Division ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee
GOVERNANCE POLICY	Board Policy 2: Role of the Board Board Policy 8: Board Committees Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE	Board Annual Work Plan
SUBJECT	EDWIN PARR NOMINATION

PURPOSE

For approval. Recommendation is required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees recognizes Jennifer Jones from École Meridian Heights School, and Joshua Wiens from Memorial Composite High School, as the two Parkland School Division Edwin Parr nominees. And further, that the Board submits Joshua Wiens' nomination to the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee, as presented at the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) honours, six outstanding first-year teachers, one from each of the six zones identified by ASBA, with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. School boards may nominate any first-year K-12 teacher who has taught in an Alberta school jurisdiction which is a member of the ASBA. As part of the Board Annual Work Plan and the selection process, each year three Trustees volunteer to sit on the Parkland School Division ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee. This recommendation is in support of this Board responsibility and process.

REPORT SUMMARY

In 1964, the Alberta School Trustees' Association established the Edwin Parr Teacher Award to remember the long and meritorious service of past President Edwin Parr. Nominees of the award are selected based on his/her School Board Evaluation using the Teacher Quality Standards (TQS) competencies:

- **TQS1** - Fostering Effective Relationships
- **TQS2** - Engaging in Career-Long Learning
- **TQS3** - Demonstrating a Professional Body of Knowledge
- **TQS4** - Establishing Inclusive Learning Environments
- **TQS5** - Applying Foundational Knowledge about First Nations, Metis and Inuit
- **TQS6** - Adhering to Legal Frameworks and Policies

Our schools were invited to identify a first-year teacher to serve as Parkland's nomination to the ASBA's Zone 2/3. Two nominations for outstanding First-Year Teacher were received:

Jennifer Jones teaches Grade 7-9 Math and Science at École Meridian Heights School.

Joshua Wiens teaches Grade 10-12 Fabrication at Memorial Composite High School.

Nominees at the Zone level, will be interviewed by the ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee.

The Parkland School Division ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr selection committee would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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