

# **Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS**

**MARCH 11, 2025** 



# **Our Vision**

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

### **Our Board**

Aileen Wagner WARD 1

Lorraine Stewart (Chair)

Aimee Hennig (V. Chair)
WARD 3

Paul McCann WARD 4

Eric Cameron WARD 5

Anne Montgomery WARD 5

Jill Osborne WARD 5

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# **Edwin Parr Nominee**

The Board recognized Jennifer Jones from École Meridian Heights School and Joshua Wiens from Memorial Composite High School as <u>PSD's Edwin Parr Award nominees</u> for this year.

The Board will submit Joshua's nomination to the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee for consideration. The provincial award recognizes six finalists as outstanding first year teachers, two coming from Zone 2/3.

#### **Ad Hoc Committee**

Trustees approved the <u>Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference</u>. The formation of the Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee was approved at the Regular Board Meeting in February for the purpose of conducting in-depth study of the most appropriate local and provincial advocacy strategies for addressing student conduct and behaviour.

<u>Board Policy 8</u> (section 10) grants the Board the authority to establish ad hoc committees to assist them for a specific purpose or function.

# Special Contribution to Public Education Award

The Board approved the nomination of the Rotary Club of Spruce Grove Community Partners Society for the Special Contribution to Public Education Award. The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta sponsors the award in recognition of dedication and fundamental contribution to students and public education.

As a community partner, the Rotary Club helps ensure PSD students have access to nutritious food at school. Their efforts support physical and cognitive development and improved attendance, focus and social well-being.

# **Three-Year Capital Plan**

The Board approved the <u>Three-Year Capital Plan</u> (2025-2028) recommendation. The plan serves as the Board's ranked priority list and will be submitted to Alberta Education by April 1, 2025, for consideration when it comes to funding future capital projects.

# **Advocacy Update**

As per PSD's <u>Board Policy 2</u>: the Board shall establish and maintain governance and organizational structures that promote student well-being and success which includes an annual plan for advocacy.

- Trustees are on the PSD Board of Trustees
   Canadian Union of Public Employees Labour
   Relations Committee. Labour negotiations
   were held on March 10 and are scheduled to
   continue on March 13. The Board remains
   committed to working toward a resolution that
   is fair and reasonable, and meets provincial
   bargaining directives. Visit our Labour Action
   Updates web page for more information.
- The Board will continue to advocate for education funding. Budget 2025 included a 4.5% increase in provincial education funding, a moderate increase in operations & maintenance funding and upheld the commitment to the School Construction Accelerator Program (SGCHS Replacement School Project). The education funding model was adjusted from the average of three years of enrolment numbers (weighted moving average) to the average of two years of enrolment data. The Board awaits specifics from the government to determine how funding will apply to PSD.

# Other highlights

Trustees received the following as information:

- 2024-2025 Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal/Capital Maintenance Renewal Expenditure Plan
- French Immersion Report