

**MEMORANDUM**

June 17, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

TO	Board of Trustees
FROM	Aileen Wagner, Student Ad Hoc Committee, Chair
ORIGINATOR	Aileen Wagner, Student Ad Hoc Committee, Chair
GOVERNANCE POLICY	Board Policy this report relates to Board Policy 8: Committees and Representation
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE	Board Policy 2: Role of the Board Education Plan 2024-2027
SUBJECT	STUDENT CONDUCT AD HOC COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

For approval. Recommendations required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Trustees continue to advocate to the provincial government for a collaborative and comprehensive approach to address classroom complexity through cross ministerial approaches to support families and students.

That the Board of Trustees dialogue with the Alberta School Boards Association to determine progress on previously approved Position Statements on Cross Ministerial Collaboration.

That the Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee be disbanded effective June 17, 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees, as stated in the Education Act, section 33 (1), “as a partner in education, has the responsibility to: d) ensure that each student enrolled in a school operated by the board and each staff member employed by the board is provided with a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging”.

The Student Conduct and Intervention Report, October 2024 was presented to the Board in response to this responsibility. The Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee was formed in response to the findings of the Student Conduct Report.

REPORT SUMMARY

The formation of the Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee was approved at the February 18, 2025 Board Meeting for the specific, defined purpose of conducting an in-depth study into the most appropriate local and provincial advocacy strategies to address student conduct and behaviour. The Terms of Reference were approved at the March 11, 2025 Board meeting.

The Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee is composed of Committee Chair, Trustee Aileen Wagner; Trustees Jill Osborne and Aimee Hennig and Board Chair, Lorraine Stewart; Deputy Superintendent Mark Francis and Superintendent Shauna Boyce.

The Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee met March 19, 2025 and April 15, 2025.

The Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee asked the following questions to trustees attending the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 meeting; the Public School Boards' Council meeting and from some Board Chairs across the province:

1. Does your Board collect data on the number of suspensions, expulsions, and hearings related to younger children, specifically for grades 5 to 7?
2. What governance strategies is your division engaging in to address these issues (Board Policy, Advocacy, Funding for preventive measures)?

Feedback was varied and diverse. Most trustees reported that data was not gathered; rather, anecdotal observations were shared. It was noted that there was inconsistent language used across the province and varying reporting and recording of student behaviours.

Some trustees noted there was not a significant increase in behavioural conduct concerns while others reported similar observations to those reported in the Parkland School Division October 11, 2024 Student Conduct and Discipline Report.

Feedback from trustees regarding governance strategies included:

- Development of Policies and Administrative Procedures
- Connection with Mental Health professionals
- Hiring School Counsellors
- Establishment of Student Support Rooms
- Use of the Violent Threat Risk Assessment process

The Committee determined that the most appropriate advocacy for the Board will be through the Provincial Government and the Alberta School Boards Association.

The Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee has met the requirements of its Terms of Reference.

The Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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