

# **Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS**

**APRIL 15, 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)
WARD 2

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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#### **Fees & Allowances**

The Board approved the <u>2025-2026 Fees and</u> Allowances.

There were no changes to Transportation fees as changes in the provincial Transportation grant offset the anticipated inflationary increases. Some school fees required adjustment, based on discussion with schools, to keep up with inflationary increases.



#### **Budget Assumptions**

Trustees approved the <u>2025-2026 Budget</u> <u>Assumptions</u>.

The assumptions are the foundational components around which the budget is built, including revenues, allocation to schools, enrolment and key expenditures such as staffing.

#### **Trustee Remuneration**

The Board approved the Audit Committee's recommendation for <u>Trustee Remuneration Scenario 3</u>.

This scenario includes no increase to Trustee base salaries, but a \$250 annual increase to the Health Spending Account and an increase of \$2,980 per year to the Board Chair allowance.

#### **Board Policies**

Trustees approved the revised versions of Board Policies 15 and 19.

- ▶ Board Policy 15: School Closures
- ▶ Board Policy 19: Surplus Land and Buildings

#### **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. Recent Board activity related to advocacy includes:

- The Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors responded to the joint letter sent by PSD Trustees and Parkland County, regarding roadway and traffic flow concerns along Highway 779 near Muir Lake School. The Minister confirmed that an operational review of the area will be conducted to determine if any changes are required. The review will include safety performance, signage, turning lanes and various other factors. In the meantime, Transportation and Economic Corridors will continue to monitor the location and work with stakeholders to ensure that safety is prioritized.
- The Board sent a letter to Mr. Andrew Boitchenko (MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon), Mr. Shane Getson (MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland) and the Honourable Searle Turton (Minister of Children and Family Services and MLA for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain) expressing concerns regarding how reduced funding in Family Support for Children with Disabilities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities programming affects PSD students. A meeting with the three MLAs is scheduled for May 22, 2025.
- The Board is pleased to report that the new collective agreement between PSD and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 5543 was ratified by both parties.