

Board Report Feb 15, 2023

The Board approved a recommendation to re-designate students of Parkland Village Attendance area to Woodhaven Middle School for grades 7-9 in the 2024-2025 school year. Parkland Village School has been approved to extend from a K-5 school to a K-6 school for the next year. Further, that any students in Grade 7-9 at Prescott Learning Centre who live in the Parkland Village Attendance area be permitted to remain as legacy students until completion of Grade 9, without being assigned school of choice fees, if they already attend Prescott at the time of the change. This addresses the challenges of both overcrowding at Prescott Learning Centre and under utilization of Woodhaven Middle School.

The Board received the following reports for information:

- The 2023-2024 School Year Calendar
<https://www.psd.ca/download/409749>
- The Workplace Safety Report
<https://www.psd.ca/download/409753>
- The Early Learning Report
<https://www.psd.ca/download/409754>
- The Student Services Report
<https://www.psd.ca/download/409756>

Applications for the Minister's Youth Council are being accepted for the 2023-2024 school year. The deadline for application is March 24. It is open to Jr or Sr High students between the ages of 14-19. Parkland School Division students have been selected to be a part of past councils and spoke favourably about their experience. I have provided a link to the application in my report.

<https://www.alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx>

Next month I move on to a different rotation of School Council Meetings. It has been a pleasure to be a part of your meetings as you are such engaged parents. Our school board is working on an Advocacy Plan for the upcoming Provincial Election that one of my colleagues will highlight for you in the coming months. The intent is not to influence how you vote, rather to shine a light on the issues affecting Education in our province so that we can advocate with a united voice to strengthen the message. Stability in Education is important to our children's future and that means stable funding, stable infrastructure and school space, a reliable transportation model and leadership that demonstrates excellence in governance by working between ministries for what's best for kids.