

Trustee Update - Ecole Broxton Park School Council (June 22, 2023)

Board Highlights Link: <https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/regular-board-meeting-highlights-june-20-2023>

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2023:

- Dr. Lorraine Stewart was acclaimed as Board Chair for the 2023-24 school year.
- Trustee Aileen Wagner was acclaimed as Board Vice Chair for the 2023-24 school year.
- Thanks to Vice Chair Jill Osborne for her work in the role during the 2022-23 school year.
- Trustee positions on various committees was determined at this meeting, as was the annual work plan and meeting dates. If you are interested in knowing the work of the board, please have a look at these links to see what an average year of work may look like.
- Also the remuneration for Trustees was approved with no changes from last year. Note, last term, the board implemented changes to ensure that any remuneration changes only happen at the end of any term, to be implemented after the next election. This was to provide stakeholders confidence that Trustees were not deciding their own compensation directly

LETTER TO THE NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The board is drafting a letter of introduction to the new Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides. In that letter, we will include our concerns about the curriculum implementation to ensure that the Minister is aware that issues still exist. Specifically, we will mention that the resources for French Immersion curriculum is usually delayed until AFTER the English resources have been created; and that this puts our FI teachers and students in a detrimental position.

SUPPORT FOR WINTER GAMES BID

The City of Spruce Grove has asked our Division to support a bid to host the 2026 Alberta Winter Games. The board has provided it support, with a caveat that there will need to be discussions on how we can support the games. For example: When there are no students in schools, much of the building maintenance happens (i.e. refinishing gym floors). If hosting the games delays or prevents needed maintenance, PSD may only choose to provide those school spaces that we deem can have its maintenance delayed.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

At every board meeting, there are operational reports provided to the board. This month we received the Indigenous Education Report, Fine Arts Report and Technology Services Report. Note: if you have wonderings about the complexity of PSD operations, read these reports and others that come out each month (eg. Human Resources, Occupational Health and Safety, Student Achievement, Transportation etc.)

Administration did meet with the Government of Alberta Infrastructure Department on the new Highschool Design. This is a promising advancement on this project. Our Division goal is to be ready to request Construction Funding in the next budget. We are also working with the City of

Spruce Grove and AB Infrastructure to determine the costs of preserving Horizon Stage as part of the preliminary assessment.

SUMMER BREAK

The board does not meet in July. We will resume meetings on August 29, 2023 with our Governance & Planning Committee Meeting.