

Trustee Report – September 2024

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Trustees will foster quality learning and wellness to promote student achievement (governing a system that supports intellectual and social-emotional growth of students and staff)

- Facilities Report presented at the September 10, 2024 board meeting. Over the summer Ecole Broxton Park had the following work performed: Replacement of building envelope, replacement of flooring, renovation of staff room, installation of AC heat pumps and Replacement of all wonden landings and handicap access ramps. Additionally the CFL modular relocation project to the EBPS site continued and is scheduled to be completed by end of September 2024.
 - PSD has:
 - 23 schools holding 12,700 students
 - \$13.2 million in building maintenance and capital improvements
 - \$4.3 million in custodial budgeting
- Off-site Activities Report (i.e. fieldtrips) report presented at the September 10, 2024 board meeting.
- New curriculum in Gr 1-5 social studies and 4-6 Sciences
- Personal Mobile Devices in Schools – Ministerial Order Implementation

Trustees will engage, listen and advocate (consider and represent community perspectives)

- Our Board (and many others across the province) sent letters to the government seeking an extension of the pilot program for Mental Health in Schools. The Government announced on August 13, 2024 a one year extension to 2025.
- PSD sent a letter to the government about the implementation of the “gender policy” referenced in the Premier’s video announcement. We received a letter of acknowledgement of receipt, but no substantive reply. PSD further submitted a proposed position statement to the Alberta School Boards Association to implement a policy advocating for the government to engage with all 61 school

boards before implementation of legislation that affects education (including matters like this gender policy).

Trustees will demonstrate responsibility (governance actions, allocation of fiscal resources)

- The Board directed board chair to enter into a formal agreement with the City of Spruce Grove regarding the purchase of land, application for construction of a new high school including plans for a new Horizon Stage.
 - The City provided unconditional consent to build on the lands (this was the hurdle PSD needed removed, so we are thankful to the City for providing this much needed consent). A letter advising the government has been sent by the City (copied to PSD).

Trustees will plan for continual improvement (ongoing planning and priority setting)

- Trustees will have a 2-day summit in October to discuss legacy of this board, in our last full school year of this term.

Trustees will foster community relationships (promote positive community relationships in the division and across the province; engage with partners in education in a timely, frank and constructive manner)

- PSD stays in contact with the 3 MLAs that represent our school division area: Minister Turton, MLA Andrew Boitchenko, and MLA Shane Getson.
- PSD meets once per year with local municipalities – Parkland County, Town of Stony Plain and City of Spruce Grove.