



**Transportation Fees:** In spite of modest increases in provincial funding, inflation is outstripping revenue and the division has been running a deficit in transportation for a number of years. Due to factors beyond the division's control including rising insurance and fuel costs, the Board made the difficult decision to charge a \$50 base fee for all riders in order to avoid increasing ride times and protecting classroom instruction. More information can be found on the division website [here](#).

**Locally Developed Courses:** Trustees reviewed and approved the request to acquire 5 Locally Developed Courses that could be used in all St. Paul Education high schools for the 2022-23 school year. The requested courses are Psychology-Abnormal, Learning Strategies, Treaties and Sovereignty, Braided Journey's and Media and Cinema.

**Town of Two Hills Request:** Trustees reviewed a letter from the Town of Two Hills requesting a bus run to New Myrnam School from the Town of Two Hills. The Board of Trustees has a number of questions that remain to be answered before they can make a decision on this request. The request has been tabled for further review in the fall.

**Curriculum Funding:** The Board of Trustees reviewed a letter from Alberta Education indicating that additional funding would be provided to the Division for the purchase of learning and teaching resources to support new curriculum implementation for the 2022-23 school year.

**ASCA Restructuring:** Trustees approved a motion to renew the membership to ASCA for our Division school councils.

**Policy 8 & 9 review:** Trustees reviewed Policy 8 - Board Committees and Policy 9 - Board Representatives as part of their regular review. There were no proposed changes.

**Ending Covid Protocols:** The Government of Alberta has lifted the remaining COVID 19 restrictions. The Alberta Daily Health Checklist is no longer in place and there are no isolation requirements if positive for COVID 19. However, isolation is still recommended. Please see the update [here](#).

**Curriculum Pilot:** Teachers across the province have an opportunity to pilot new K-6 French Immersion and Science curriculum for the 2022-23 school year. The Division will pilot French Immersion in some primary grades classrooms as well as science in one upper elementary class. Teachers will notify parents in the fall of any affected classrooms.

**School Bus Contract:** The Board approved a motion to award bus route C23 (currently vacant for the 2022-23 school year) to bus contractor Raoul Malo, who has three existing routes with our division.

**ASBA SGM:** The Board of Trustees attended this Spring General Meeting either in person or virtually.

**ASBA Zone 2/3:** Trustee Wiebe provided an update on the recent ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting.

**ACSTA Update:** Trustee Andersen provided an update on the ACSTA Board of Directors meeting held on May 19-20, 2022.

### Superintendent's Report

**Staffing update:** Superintendent Brodziak updated Trustees on the number of teaching job openings we have at this time. In the 2021-2022 school year, the number of job advertisements for April, May and June was 29 but in the same time frame this year, 72 ads have been posted. Staffing will most likely not be complete until August 2022

**Registration for the 2022-23 School Year:** Registration is open at all St. Paul School Division schools for the 2022-23 school year. St. Paul Education is pleased to announce new online registration for the 2022-2023 school year; in-person registration is also available.

**Diploma Exams:** Diploma Exams are underway. June exams are weighted at 10% once again. It is anticipated that Diploma exams will return to their normal 30% weighting for the 2022-23 school year. Good luck to all our students who are writing exams this week and next.

**Graduation schedule:** To date five schools have completed their ceremonies with the remaining ones to be happening in the next two weeks.

**Flag Raising Ceremony:** St. Paul School Division will be hosting a Treaty Six Flag-Raising Ceremony on June 21, 2022 at 11:00 am at our Central Office. The ceremony is a part of our Division's National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration and is an important step in our journey toward Reconciliation.

**Art Show:** Students were asked to participate in an Art Show at the Alberta Community Art Clubs Association. Thank you to all our talented students who submitted their fantastic art work.



**Summer Programs:** There are a variety of opportunities for students to participate in summer programming. Please see our Together We're Better Facebook page for more information.

### Financial Report

**2022-23 Budget:** Secretary-Treasurer Champagne reviewed the Division budget approved on May 31, 2022 outlining budget challenges and the use of reserves to offset a projected \$1,093,000 deficit. In order to align with the recently signed Collective Agreement with teachers, the following general wage increases will be in effect for all Division support staff:

- September, 2022 - 1.75% wage increase
- September, 2023 - 2.0% wage increase

**Wellness Funding:** St Paul Education is awaiting more information on accessing the upcoming funds for Mental Health and Wellness that were announced by the Province at budget time.

**Mallaig Playground:** Mallaig school and their Parent Fundraising Association was successful in fundraising and installing a new portion of their playground. Secretary-Treasurer Champagne commented on the expense of playgrounds and how challenging raising enough funds is for a small community. Congratulations to Mallaig School and their Parent Fundraising Association on reaching their goal. Principal representative Kellie Handford outlined the many fundraising initiatives the school community pursued in raising \$95,230 to support their playground upgrade.

### Information/Correspondence

**Indoor Air Top up:** The Division has received \$56,465 from the Federal Safe Indoor Air Top Up and the Safe Return to Class Fund for air quality improvements such as upgrading of filters and other air systems and facilities upgrades. This funding must be used in the 2021-2022 school year.

**Dual Credit Support:** The Board reviewed two new grant opportunities from Alberta Education for dual credit programming opportunities. School divisions, in collaboration with post-secondary institutions, can apply for a Dual Credit Start-Up Grant for new dual credit programs, as well as a Dual Credit Enhancement Grant for the purchase of new equipment or to upgrade facilities to support dual credit programming.

**Low Incidence Supports:** For the 2022-23 school year, the Government of Alberta has announced an additional 1.8 million dollars for school divisions throughout the province to support students with low incidence needs such as blind or low vision, deaf and hard of hearing and/or complex communication needs. Divisions need to apply for this funding by September 30, 2022.

**Child and Youth Well Being:** Minister Lagrange recently announced the Government of Alberta has released additional funds to support students with Mental Health, Specialized Assessments, Learning Loss Supports and School Nutrition based on the Child and Youth Well-Being Review.

**Grade 6 PAT 2022-2023:** Schools and school divisions who participate in the piloting of new curriculum will not be required to have students participate in the Provincial Achievement Tests for the 2022-2023 school year. St. Paul Education will not be piloting a new curriculum in any of our grade 6 classrooms.

**AP 160 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments:** Updates to AP 160 were shared with the Board.

**AP 527 Acknowledgement, Honoria and Fee for Service:** Trustees were provided with an overview of AP 527: Acknowledgement, Honoria and Fee for Service.