



ASCA Annual Conference: Alberta School Council Association's Annual Conference & AGM is on April 22-24. The Board is sponsoring registration costs for two school council representatives to attend this virtual event. Any interested parents should apply via email to the COSC committee. The deadline to be considered for sponsorship is April 8, 2022.

Revised Health Restrictions: The Government of Alberta removed provincial health measures in all schools on March 1. The province is now in step 2 of a staged approach to relaxing health measures. We look forward to returning to normal practices that include no restrictions on gathering limits and being able to fully welcome back our communities into our buildings. For ease of operations, some schools may choose to keep some practices such as staggered release times or additional entry/exits.

Board Virtual Meeting Protocols: With the relaxing of health restrictions we are now able to resume in-person meetings with the public. Trustees voted to continue with live streaming of meetings, but amended the archive time to 48 hours from publishing. It was noted that live streaming increased community engagement in school board meetings. A virtual format will be provided for some guests and optional for delegations.

Policy 12 Amendments: The Policy Committee provided an update regarding the updating of Policy 12 - Role of the Superintendent to align with the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard.

Policy Review 14 & 15: Trustees reviewed Policy 14 - Hearings on Teacher Transfers and Policy 15 - School Closure and Grade Configuration as part of the regular rotation.

Mary's Table Update: Since the beginning of January, between 30-53 division students per week were receiving a meal through the Mary's Table program. We are thankful for this generous donation from the diocese.

ASBA Zone 2/3 Report: The Minister's Youth Council are currently accepting nominations. The Council consists of about 40 junior and senior high students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta. The deadline to apply is March 25, 2022. Across the province, approximately 270 students were nominated for the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards, including 31 students from St. Paul Education schools.

COSC Engagement grant: A reminder that all school councils have an opportunity to access \$500 to enhance community engagement. Racette School Council has expressed interest in accessing an ASCA workshop with regards to trustee engagement. COSC can assist with providing it as a division wide event.

FNMI Committee: In consultation with the FNMI committee, CO administration, and our Indigenous Culture Advisor a Treaty Six flag will be raised at the Division office on June 21, 2022 on National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is an important opportunity for the St. Paul School Division and represents another step forward on our collective journey towards reconciliation. Schools in the division can consult within their school community to determine installation of flags at individual sites. It has been noted that Ashmont School has shown interest in also raising a Treaty Six Flag.

Superintendent's Report

Budgeting and Planning for the 2022/23 School Year: Overall projections indicate that our enrollment will drop by 91 students. Initial staffing discussions will occur following the spring break.

Annual Education Assurance Survey: Provincial satisfaction surveys are conducted each year to make sure the education system continues to meet the needs of people in Alberta. Surveys are being conducted for staff, students and parents across the division. Parents will have received Random Access Codes in the mail. Deadline to complete is March 25, 2022. More detailed information can be found [here](#).

AP 164 COVID Harm Reduction: The Covid Harm Reduction Administrative Procedure has been suspended.

2022 Scholarship Booklet: The 2022 Scholarship Booklet is now available. These scholarship opportunities are available to our students for a total of over \$84,000. We are very thankful to our community members and organizations for supporting our students through our scholarship program.

School Community Learning Activities: A Dare to Care Anti-Bullying Presentation was presented to staff only on the morning of March 7. This included a definition of bullying, social hierarchy, outlining the shape of bullying and cyberbullying. Consideration for a similar session for students is underway.

Ukraine: An acknowledgement of the situation in the Ukraine was posted on the division website. Schools may take part in social justice activities in support of Ukraine.

Kindergarten Registration: Schools who offer Kindergarten programming are now accepting registrations for the upcoming 22-23 school year. Please contact your school for more information.



Financial Report

The provincial budget was announced on February 24, 2022. Overall the budget appears to be fairly status quo with a few new programs to address student wellness and new curriculum implementation as well as a 4.6% increase to transportation funding. Unfortunately the Province will not be releasing our individual school division funding profile until late March. Until we receive this profile it is difficult to know exactly how the budget will affect St. Paul Education which is delaying further budget development.

Information/Correspondence

Retirements: Principal Susan Kotowich-Dubrulle has submitted her letter of resignation. She has been a dedicated educator and steward for Catholic Education for 36 years and the Board of Trustees wishes her well in her upcoming retirement. The Board has also received Superintendent Brodziak's resignation effective June 30, 2022. His 36 years of service and dedication are most appreciated by the Board of Trustees. Best wishes for a happy retirement!

St. Paul Playschool: The Friends of St. Paul Playschool Society Executive no longer wishes for St. Paul Education to take over the operation of the Playschool in SPECS.

ASBA Charter Feedback: The ASBA has asked for zones to feedback regarding charter schools. The deadline for completion is March 17, 2022. There are currently no Charter schools in our area.

Curriculum Implementation Concerns: February 28 was the final day for feedback for curriculum implementation. A government group is now meeting weekly in regards to implementation timelines and schedules for the incoming curriculum.

Edwin Parr: The Alberta School Board Association's annual Edwin Parr Teacher Award recognizes exceptional first-year teachers who display outstanding skills and performance in their initial year. March 18 is the deadline for submissions.

ACSTA: Fundraising for catholic schools was discussed in regards to working casinos. The division will consult with the Bishop to seek guidance.

ASCA School Council Sessions: The Racette school council showed interest in the session relating to the school trustee engagement. The board will host the session as part of a spring engagement session for all schools in the division.

Curriculum Implementation Deadlines: A number of boards have shared letters noting their concerns about the pending timeline and lack of resources for curriculum implementation. While there is excitement and support for the new curriculum, the trustees discussed challenges such as the number of inclement weather days and the lack of scheduled PD days for teachers to prepare and review resources.

Transportation Funding Concerns: Trustee shared a letter from a neighboring division citing concerns with driver shortages, increasing fuel and insurance costs.

Bill 70 Request: A letter was shared from Chinook's Edge School Division that they received from the province as a response from their inquiry regarding that school boards be included in Bill 70, the COVID-19 Related Measures Act.

MCSNET Scholarship: Four \$1000 scholarship opportunities for students pursuing studies in computer sciences or other related areas of study.

Inclement Weather: Given the extraordinary number of inclement weather days, a request was made to modify our existing Inclement Weather AP to remove the wind chill factor and use only the ambient temperature. The Board of Trustees asked for more consultation with the Transportation Department and our bus contractors.

Minister's Youth Council: The Minister's Youth Council are currently accepting nominations. The Council consists of about 40 junior and senior high students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta. The deadline to apply is March 25, 2022.

Graduation Schedule: Trustees were made aware of the various graduation dates across the Division.

Letter of Invitation: St. Paul Education senior leadership, school staff and students have been invited by the Acimowin Opaspiw Society to attend the first Blue Quills Memorial Round Dance, which is being held to memorialize former students, and to honor Survivors who attended the Blue Quills Residential School. The round dance is taking place on March 19, 2022 at the St. Paul Recreation Centre.

Trustee Attendance Schedule: Most trustees participated in the Rural Education Symposium and all trustees took part in a racism and sexism session hosted by Dr. Florence Akindede on March 8. Rural Caucus spring meeting is set for March 31, 2022.