



FNMI Trustee Appointment: Mr. Melvin Abraham, a nominated representative from Tribal Chiefs Venture Inc., was sworn in and welcomed as the FNMI Trustee. Mr. Abraham spoke to the importance of education as a path forward.

ASBA Strategic Planning Engagement: The ASBA is seeking feedback on how they are doing as an organization. School boards will have an opportunity to participate in a sharing session and survey.

Holiday Food Trays: Trustees supported the delivery of holiday trays to each of the schools as staff appreciation and in celebration of the season.

Bishop Masses: Bishop Terrio's retirement mass will be held on November 21 at 7 p.m. Bishop-elect Franken's welcoming mass will be held on December 12, 2022.

Superintendent's Report

Remembrance Day: On November 9 schools across the division held ceremonies with a moment of silence in advance of Remembrance Day on November 11. Thank you to staff for creating meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Alberta Rural Education Symposium: Robert Tymofichuk, recipient of the Prime Minister's Award in Teaching Excellence in STEM, has been invited to speak at the Rural Education Symposium in March.

School Tours: Superintendent and Trustees toured schools in Elk Point and Heinsburg on October 25.

Alberta Education Meeting: A representative from Alberta Education met with Senior Leadership to review the Annual Education Plan.

CASS Fall Conference: Superintendent and Senior Leadership team attended sessions focused on educational leadership in Calgary at the end of October.

Succession Meeting: As part of the division's systematic approach to identifying and retaining leaders, Superintendent and Senior Leadership met with staff identified as succession team members on November 3.

School Awards: Superintendent attended awards ceremonies at the Regional, Ashmont and Mallaig schools.

Co-op Bags for Breakfast Donation: St. Paul Education thanks the Cornerstone Co-op for their generous donation of \$24,000 for our breakfast program.

Family Violence Prevention Month: Thank you to the Capella Centre, St. Paul Mayor Maureen Miller and RCMP Staff Sergeant Greg Stannard for facilitating a presentation on respect and kindness at the St. Paul Elementary School. The presentation is available to all elementary schools across the division during the month of November.

New Curriculum: The division provided two information releases about new curriculum and report cards.

French Immersion: Cinemagine will present French Language films for elementary students and junior high students on November 15.

Catholic Education: Catholic Education Sunday was on November 6. A team from NET Ministries will be leading a retreat for our Grade 9 religion students on November 17. Thank you to the three local families that have generously offered to host the team.

Science Fair: In collaboration with the St. Paul and District STEAM society, plans are underway to host a Science Fair in February 2023. There are nine schools interested and it is open to all students in grades 1-12. Projects are to be completed independently by students with support from teachers, parents and guardians.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Audit of Financial Statements: Trustees will be meeting with the auditors for the review of audited financial statements on November 23, 2022 which will be followed by a visit to Mallaig School.

Local Access Fee: The Town of St. Paul is increasing its utility access fees. These fees are a roundabout way of taxing school districts that are supposed to be tax exempt and cost the division over \$26,000 per year. The board committed to discussing with MLAs and other boards about the school district's exemption status and possibly closing this loophole.

Bus Driver Shortage: The division's ongoing bus driver shortage is unfortunately leading to the cancellation of some routes due to illness and no replacement drivers. St. Paul Education is exploring all solutions to ensure students are able to access their school and in doing so minimize the impact on students, families, and school communities. Anyone interested in training to be a bus driver is invited to call 780-645-3323. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the Alertus app to receive proactive communication about bus cancellations.

Information/Correspondence

Peace River PBCO Concern: Trustees reviewed a letter from Peace River School Division in regards to autonomy of school boards with staffing, professional development and other areas of operations.



Wolf Creek Budget Timing: Trustees reviewed a letter sent to the Premier by Wolf Creek Board of Trustees in regards to the timing of the release of the provincial budget, the release of the AB ED Funding Manual and the submission of school division budgets. They are asking for more alignment of dates to allow for stakeholder engagement.

Alberta Education Research Partnership: The Alberta Research Network was established by Alberta Education as a way for the Ministry to support the research needs of Alberta's education system, encourage secondary data analysis, and promote evidence-based decision-making. As a part of this initiative, Alberta Education also established the Research Partnerships Program, a funding opportunity to foster research collaboration between school authorities and post-secondary institutions. A new call for research proposals has been announced.

Emergency Test Alert: On Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 1:55 p.m., Alberta Emergency Alert will send out a test to Albertans. During the test, an alert will sound on compatible devices, with a message letting the user know that the sound is part of a test, and that there is no need for concern.

ACSTA: Trustee Andersen provided a brief update. AGM is next week so there is nothing to report at this time.

ASBA: No changes to zone membership fees. ASEBP board is seeking a new member. ASBA had another lengthy discussion on transportation challenges. School Councils are once again eligible for a \$500 grant. Trustee Wiebe provided an update on the upcoming ASBA fall general meeting. MLAs will be invited to a breakfast as part of the event.

Trustee Attendance Schedule: Trustees reported on their past and upcoming schedules. The trustees have begun visiting a number of schools and will be attending school council and other meetings in the coming weeks.

Unifor Agreement Ratified: Trustees ratified a new collective agreement with Unifor representing bus drivers.