



Meeting with Minister LaGrange: Trustees, along with members of the Senior Leadership team, attended a meeting with Minister LaGrange on September 29 in Bonnyville. Challenges related to staffing and transportation were discussed.

Bus Contract: Trustees approved a motion to award the contract for bus route C37 to Mr. Don Jones.

Policy Review: Trustees reviewed Policy 3 - Role of the Trustee and Policy 5 - Role of the Board Chair as part of the regular review.

St. Paul In-Town Busing: Changes have been made to allow 14 students who have been on a waiting list to access busing. Efforts are still being made to establish a double bus run to accommodate additional riders.

Blue Quills Residential Tour: Trustees who attended the tour shared their appreciation for the residential school survivor who shared their experiences.

Superintendent's Report

2022-23 Enrolment Update: The enrolment numbers show that our division is 93 students above projection and about on par with last year's.

Prime Minister's Teaching Award: Congratulations to New Myrnam School teacher and assistant principal, Robert Tymofichuk, for receiving the Prime Minister's Award in Teaching Excellence in STEM. This national-level award is considered the highest honour for teachers and early childhood educators in Canada.

Annual Education Plan: A representative from Alberta Education will meet with Senior Leadership to review the Annual Education Plan.

CASS Zone 2/3 Meeting: Superintendent has met with other area division system leaders who have expressed many of the same issues and challenges in relation to staffing, transportation and new curriculum.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: With the guidance of our FNMI committee members, schools across the division hosted activities recognizing this day. Appreciation was shared by the board of trustees and system leadership for Cultural Advisor Clifford Cardinal and his work organizing a gathering held at the Regional High School during which he shared part of his residential school experience. Members of our Elders Advisory Council were also present and met with trustees following the activity.

Leadership Team Meeting: School leaders met for their monthly collaboration and professional learning meeting on October 4.

CTEC Meeting: Board and community members met with the Village of Myrnam Council and CAO to discuss programming options related to the CTEC facility in Myrnam.

Co-op Bags for Breakfast Donation: St. Paul Education thanks the Cornerstone Co-op for their generous donation of \$24,000 for our breakfast programs. This donation is made possible with the use of reusable bags at the Co-op stores.

World Teacher Day: Celebrated on October 5, this day recognizes and celebrates teachers throughout the world. Thank you to St. Paul Education educators for their dedication and commitment to our students.

ATA PD Day: Staff participated in a variety of professional development sessions organized by the local ATA on October 7.

School Bus Safety Week: The division will be recognizing School Bus Safety week from October 16-22. The public is reminded to pay attention to all aspects of bus safety, including stopping when buses have their red lights flashing.

Literacy Committee: This committee has met and will continue their work to develop a literacy assessment continuum and framework for the division.

Post-Secondary Night: A number of post-secondary institutions in the province will be in attendance at the Regional High School gym on Tuesday, October 25th.

Community STEM Group: Assistant Superintendent Keith Gamblin had the opportunity to meet with the Board from the St. Paul and District STEM and STEAM. The SPDSS is interested in partnering with St. Paul Education to put on a science fair for interested students in grades 5-12 throughout the Division.

French Immersion: Currently, we are trying to organize a session about post-secondary learning opportunities with Campus St. Jean for French Immersion students. Educators had the opportunity to take part in professional development in French on the October 7 session. As per one of the key areas of our Official Languages in Education Program, we are working with Cinemagine to provide our students with an opportunity to view films in French.

Catholic Education: An administrator from each of the three catholic schools attended a conference called Marked by God with the theme of Stories of Courageous Catholic Leadership. Educators and division administrators from across the province shared their faith journey as catholic teachers and leaders. On November 17th, a team of seven from NET Ministries will be running a retreat for our Grade 9 religion students. Trustees are invited to masses on November 6 for Catholic Education Sunday as well as to the 7:00 p.m. liturgy on November 21 for retiring Bishop Terrio.



Inclusive Education: Inclusive Ed team is out in schools providing support. As part of that support, the Reading Ready program has been implemented for students in Grades 2 to 4. A total of 664 students were screened in Grade 2, 3 and 4. Students in Grades 2 and 3 who were deemed most at risk are receiving reading intervention programming in semester 1 and students in Grade 4 will receive support in the second semester. Grade one students will be screened in January.

Early Intervention: We currently are supporting 19 PUF children (age 2.8 to 4.8) and 9 children in Kindergarten Specialized Learning Support (age 4.8 to 6 in kindergarten year). A kindergarten screening process is underway to determine any missing moderate language disorders. The screening would be completed by our SLPA. Mandy Kemsley and the results interpreted by our contracted SLP, Darlene O'Keefe.

Financial Report

Financial update: Our year end audit is scheduled to take place the last week of October, with the final report tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Board on November 23.

Information/Correspondence

Diploma Exam Weighting: Alberta Education is temporarily changing the weighting of diploma exams to 20 percent from 30 percent for the 2022/23 school year. This will help ensure provincial standards are maintained while also taking into account the impact that learning disruptions have had on high school students.

PAT Changes: Following the June 2022 PAT security breaches, Provincial Assessment branch has analyzed data and determined the next steps, which includes the return to pre-set, fixed administration dates for all subjects. An updated 2022-2023 PAT General Information Bulletin is now available online.

ESA Standards: The province has been working on a framework to guide school boards and First Nations in the development of Educational Service Agreements.

Dual Credit Support: St. Paul School Division was successful in their application for a dual credit start-up grant for 2022-23. This funding will provide expanded opportunities for high school students to gain credits in technology related courses with Portage College. Dual credit partnerships are also in place with Lakeland and Olds College.

Teaching Profession Commissioner: The Alberta Government has appointed Julia Sproule as the teaching profession commissioner who will lead the new Alberta Teaching Profession Commission which was announced in March 2022. More information can be found [here](#).

Teacher Professional Conduct: The Alberta Government sought public feedback to help create a new code of conduct for teachers and teacher leaders.

Specialized Assessments: On June 1, 2022, the government announced \$10 million for increased access to specialized assessments. This funding will help ensure children and students who may not have had access to assessments during the pandemic receive that assessment by a qualified professional.

Administrative Procedure Updates: A number of Administrative Procedures have been updated and posted on the St. Paul Education website.

ACSTA: Trustee Andersen provided an update on the recent ACSTA meeting.

ASBA: Trustee Wiebe provided an update on the first ASBA meeting of the school year which was held on September 23. The Advocacy Committee is putting together an election toolkit for trustees.

Trustee Attendance Schedule: Trustee Youghans attended SPAA Cross Country. Trustee Smyl was part of the delegation that met with the Education Minister. Trustee Rajoo also met with the minister and attended the tour of Blue Quills Residential School as well as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day at St. Paul Regional High School along with Trustees Anderson and Wiebe. All trustees have attended school council meetings.