



Tribal Chiefs Ventures Request (TCVI): Trustees reviewed a letter received on April 19, 2022 from Tribal Chiefs Ventures requesting the appointment of a First Nations representative for TCVI on the Board of Trustees. This letter was also addressed to three neighbouring school divisions. Trustees examined ways to amend Policy 7 which currently provides for an FNMI trustee to accommodate the possibility of more than one individual.

Policy 7 Review: Trustees reviewed and amended Policy 7, 'Board Operations', under 12.2 to include an alternative where the 4 year term for an FNMI trustee can be shared on a rotating basis between Saddle Lake First Nation and a representative from the Nations represented by TCVI. Each representative would sit on the Board for two years of the four year term.

Bus Contractor Meeting: Trustees provided a review of a meeting held with division bus contractors on April 26. Contractors shared their various challenges including significant inflation, weighted rate formula, inclement weather and worsening road conditions that have impacted repairs and maintenance. A motion was made to increase remuneration for inclement weather days retroactive to the beginning of the current school year and to contact the County of St Paul about road conditions.

Alberta Catholic Schools' Trustee Association (ACSTA): Trustee Andersen will be attending the Board of Directors meeting in Edmonton on May 19 and 20.

Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Annual Conference: Trustees Andersen participated in sessions about effective classroom assessment and resilience. Trustee Smyl took part in a Council of School Council session and one about inclusive and safe environments for students. Both trustees enjoyed Cultivating Compassion by David Irvine.

ASBA Spring General Meeting: Will be held from June 5 - 7. Trustees will participate in two days of business meetings and professional development. The Minister of Education is expected to attend.

ASBA Zone 2/3: Trustee Wiebe shared that Education Minister LaGrange gave curriculum updates with the schedule for implementation to be completed in Fall of 2024. The website <https://schools.healthiertogether.ca/en/> was shared with attendees.

Edwin Parr Awards: Each year the ASBA honors six outstanding first-year teachers from the different zones with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. Miss. Lisa Ference is our division nominee for our zone. Trustee Wiebe and Trustee Starosielski will attend the upcoming award evening on May 27 to support and celebrate Lisa and her achievements.

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 grad ceremonies in the coming weeks.

Superintendent Update: Incoming Superintendent Peter Barron is due to begin August 8, 2022 as Superintendent Glen Brodziak will retire August 7, 2022.

Superintendent's Report

Staffing for the 2022/23 School Year: Due to projected decreasing enrollment across the division and budget constraints, staffing adjustments being made at this time include a reduction of 4.65 FTE teachers, 7 fewer EAs as well as a few small adjustments in other areas.

Mental Health Walk: The Together We're Better team organized a Walk and Talk which included a series of posters made for students to speak openly about mental health, strategies and creating a caring network.

Catholic Education Week: This week will be celebrated on May 23-27 of this year.

World Catholic Education Day: Everyone is encouraged to wear blue on May 26, 2022 in support of Catholic education.

Re-Imagine the Future, Empowering Student Success Fair- The Inclusive Education Team along with the Town of St. Paul FCSS and other community agencies are hosting an event where caregivers of children and youth with a neuro developmental or genetic diagnosis can come together to discuss supports and resources for their child's future. This event will be held on May 26, 2022.

Financial Report

Financial Commitment Letter: The Province provided a funding commitment letter confirming funding for the 2022-23 school year. The Division is still awaiting details on funding announced for curriculum implementation and student wellness supports. Funding confirmation was also received for the completion of work in Ashmont.

Financial Literacy Resources: The Province announced an increase in resources in regards to Financial Literacy. Initial feedback from schools has been that these resources may be best suited for an older demographic. We are hopeful the additional resources being made available will be more suited for our division students. Financial literacy is now included in the new K-6 Physical Education and Wellness Curriculum in fall of 2022.

Budget Meeting: A budget meeting date was set for May 31 to review and pass the 2022-23 school year budget.



Information/Correspondence

Buffalo Trail Bus Contractors: Trustees reviewed a letter sent by Buffalo Trail Public School Division to the Minister of Education requesting additional funding due to the rising cost of fuel, insurance and maintenance of buses. The letter also addressed the ongoing shortage of drivers to run a variety of routes.

Graduation Dates: Trustees reviewed the upcoming graduation dates throughout St Paul Education. The Board of Trustees would like to extend congratulations to all of our 242 graduates.