



ASCA Annual Conference: April 22, 23 and 24, 2022 is the Annual Conference being held virtually this year. While no parents have come forward with interest to participate, Trustee Anderson will attend on behalf of the Board.

AP 131 Inclement Weather Policy: After a request to look at our current policy to amend in regards to wind chill, the transportation department conducted an internal review with bus drivers and recommends that the current policy remain unchanged.

Policy 12 Amendments: The Board of Trustees reviewed a number of revisions and updates including an evaluation schedule for the Superintendent and criteria for their evaluation.

Audit Committee: Secretary-Treasurer Champagne advised that following public advertising, no applications were received for two public members to sit on the audit committee. The Board will continue to seek two community members with a financial background for the committee.

ASBA SGM: The Board has committed to engaging in the upcoming meeting on June 6 and 7, 2022. This is hybrid event with possible in person being held in Red Deer, AB

Policy 16 & 17 Review: The Board of Trustees reviewed Policy 16 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel and Policy 17, Student Transportation Services as part of their regular review. In regards to Policy 16, a parent requested a review of the current procedure for hiring of a Principal or Assistant Principal. It was requested that a parent be part of the selection process. Trustees reviewed a chart of information in regards to what similar size school divisions do in this regard. Trustees discussed ideas to engage parent feedback on Administrative hires such as having the school Parent Council provide feedback on the ideal candidate profile for employment ad before it is posted. Trustees want to ensure that the voice of parent feedback is the one that represents the entire school community. An amendment to clause 6 of Policy 16 was passed.

2022-2023 School Fees: Trustees reviewed and approved a number of proposed school fees for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Fees include such items as any CTS and Home Ec costs for materials, sports fees, lock rental fees and costs of field trips.

ACSA/COSC Engagement:

ASBA Zone 2 / 3: Trustee Wiebe provided his report. Some highlights of note are: an upcoming meeting in Saskatoon from July 6 to 8, 2022 in regards to innovations in Indigenous Education, Honouring Spirit Indigenous Student Awards, upcoming fact sheets to be developed in regards to charter schools and a Financial Literacy Initiative for jr and sr high students..

ACSTA: Trustee Anderson announced that a new Executive Director Eldon Wyant has been hired. Third annual GRACE summit will be held May 3 in Calgary. May 23-27 is Catholic Education Week. Wear blue on World Catholic Education Day on May 26, 2022.

Rural Caucus: Trustee Rajoo and Trustee Smyl attended the meeting held on March 31, 2022. Trustee Rajoo reported on her sessions regarding transportation, learning loss, the new curriculum, and charter schools.

ASCA/COSC Engagement: Thank you to the COSC committee for helping with the Racette Parent Council session held last Thursday evening. There are two more workshops that could be accessed in the upcoming months for any interested School Councils.

Trustee Attendance Schedule: Trustees reported on their past and upcoming schedules. Many of the Trustees attended the Rural Education conference.

Superintendent's Report

AP 311 Adverse Weather Conditions at the School Level: At the request of a current staff member, Administration was asked to review the base temperature and wind chill factor of AP 311 as there has been an increased number of inside recess days. The Admin Council agrees that while we wish to encourage as much outside time as possible, they were unanimous in keeping the AP as it is.

Staffing for the 2022/23 School Year: Overall projections indicate that our enrollment will drop by 91 students. Initial staffing discussions have begun to create a school profile. Employment ads will be forthcoming.

Edwin Parr Award: Lisa Ference, a first year teacher with Glen Avon School was named a finalist for an Edwin Parr award, which recognizes outstanding first year teachers. Ms. Ference will be participating in an interview process along with other finalists. A celebration recognizing the winners will take place on May 14, 2022.

Other important dates:

April 19 - Creating welcoming, caring, inclusive, safe and respectful environments, Dr. Sheelah McClean will be leading a PD about cultural safety. There will also be CPR and Opioid training sessions for Grade 10 Physical Education teachers. This instructor level training in CPR and AED will enable your teachers to update their knowledge and teach the Heartsaver level A or Compression-Only CPR WITH Opioids Overdose Response to their students.

April 20 - The Board of Trustees will be conducting site tours at the schools within the town of St. Paul.

April 27 - Administrative Professionals' Day



May 2-6 - Education Week: Learning is a Journey

May 2 - Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Thank you for all you do to get our kids to school safely every day.

May 8 - Support Staff Appreciation Day. We thank all our valuable support staff for the important work they do in our schools.

May 2 - 8 - Mental Health Week. Our division will be organizing and participating in a mental health walk during that week.

May 23-27 - Catholic Education Week. Wear blue on World Catholic Education Day will be celebrated on Wednesday,

May 26 - World Catholic Education Day - Wear blue!

Financial Report

Insurance update: St. Paul Education received a rebate of \$103 000 from the Alberta School Board Insurance Exchange (ASBIE) as part of the equity return due to the windup of the reciprocal.

ASEBP Benefit Provider Fee Increase: Division benefit rates are expected to increase by 10.8% next year. The increase is due to health services inflation and we can expect an increase next year as well. This increase could be as much as \$500,000 over the two years.

Budget Discussion: A budget planning meeting was set for April 20, 2022. Rising inflation is a concern as revenues remain flat.

Information/Correspondence

Curriculum Update: On April 13, 2022, an announcement from Minister LaGrange was made in regards to release of the finalized curriculum and some additional resources are being released on New.LearnAlberta.ca. Kindergarten to Grade 3 ELA Teachers and PE and Wellness Teachers across the division have begun the process of unpacking the new curriculum in a series of professional development opportunities. There will be more meeting dates and additional Professional Development to come to get ready for Fall 2022.

Diploma Exams: Diploma Exams are going ahead as scheduled in April and June but the weighting has been lowered to 10% of a students final mark.

ASCA Concerns: School council chairs emails have been requested by Alberta Education in order to gather information. ASCA wants to remind Council Chairs they may unsubscribe if desired.

Curriculum Implementation Concerns: The Board reviewed several letters from other school divisions in regards to the postponement of the new K-3 English Language Arts and Math, and K-6 Physical Education and Wellness curriculum.

Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards: St. Paul School Division had 31 students nominated for an Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student award for the 2021-22 school year. Students who were nominated will be recognized at the division level in a ceremony later this spring.

Bill 70: This Bill protects health care workers from any legal implications with regards to the pandemic but the education system does not have the same protection.

AP 513 Flag Protocol: Changes to this AP were reviewed with the board. Changes stemmed from a request by Ashmont School to have a Treaty 6 Flag at their school site.