



**Meeting with Minister LaGrange:** Trustees will be meeting with Minister LaGrange in Bonnyville to discuss staffing challenges due to shortages and bargaining limitations as well as ongoing transportation issues. Trustees Rajoo and Smyl will attend along with members of the Senior Leadership team.

**Two Hills Daycare:** Trustees approved the leasing of a space in the Two Hills School for a daycare subject to the parties agreeing to lease terms and a cost share agreement for any renovations. The daycare will be operated by Vermillion Play Development.

**Ward D Vacancy:** The Board of Trustees has decided to forgo a by-election at this time. The Board will continue to monitor its ability to function with five trustees. Trustees from the St. Paul Ward C will make arrangements to represent Ward D.

**Policy Review:** Trustees reviewed Policy 1 - Division Foundational Statements as part of the regular review and will bring it back in January 2023. Administrators will be asked to inform the strategic plan that supports division goals.

**Municipal Communication:** The Board or Trustees would like to increase communication between municipal partners, including other school divisions. A communication plan will be developed in the near future.

**Board Work Plan:** The Board approved a motion to remove the Board Annual Work Plan from Policy 2 in order to make it a stand-alone document.

**St. Paul In-Town Busing:** Town of St. Paul buses are full and there is currently a waiting list of approximately 30 students. The Transportation Department is exploring options to increase town busing access, including possibly purchasing a bus or looking at the possibility of a dual run in the morning and afternoon.

**Trustee Attendance:** Trustees reviewed their attendance at upcoming events and meetings.

**Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II:** Monday, September 19, 2022 has been declared a day of mourning in Alberta. Schools will be encouraged to offer opportunities for students to take part in the day of mourning.

### Superintendent's Report

**2022-23 Enrolment Update:** Three of our schools have increased enrolment while one is facing transportation challenges which is decreasing  
**CASS Zone 3/4 meeting:** Superintendent Barron and 2 members of the senior leadership team will attend the upcoming CASS meeting on Sept. 16 at Elk Island Catholic School Division office.

**FNMI Committee:** The group will be meeting to organize activities and ceremonies for Orange Shirt day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Trustees and Elder Advisor Council have been invited to attend a presentation on Wednesday, September 28 at 11 a.m. followed by a traditional meal.

**Dual Credit:** Agreements are in place for high school students to gain credits with Portage, Lakeland & Olds College.

**Literacy Intervention:** The Inclusive Education team has been busy screening students in Grades 2, 3 and some grade 4 students to gather data to plan to address literacy gaps. Students who are identified as needing reading intervention will receive 2 -30 minute sessions per week for 16 weeks in a small group setting lead by one of our program assistants. Grade 1 students and any other students identified will be screened in semester 2.

**COSS team meeting:** September 23 is the first meeting for Coordinators of Student Supports.

**French Immersion:** The Official Language in Education Program (OLEP) report has been submitted to Alberta education about last year's activities in 5 key areas of Learner Participation, Provision of Programs, Academic Achievement of Learners, Enriched Learning Environments and Support for Educational Staff.

**Catholic Education:** All 3 of our catholic schools held opening school liturgies in their schools.

**Mental Health in Schools:** Two of our schools in Elk Point hosted a Dare to Care program for staff, students, parents and community members. This program is regarded as Canada's most comprehensive and practical bully prevention program. Its focus is building caring communities. In addition, a grant application was submitted in the hopes of receiving support for a division-wide K-6 emotional literacy program as well as activities focussed on establishing safe, caring and respectful digital communities.

### Financial Report

**Budget update:** Trustees are currently under budget in governance largely due to a vacant FNMI Trustee position and reduced travel costs.

**Funding for New Teachers' Agreement:** St. Paul Education has received funding to cover the increase in wages for the recently ratified teachers' agreement.

### Information/Correspondence

**ACSTA:** This conference is an in person session occurring November 17 and 18 in Edmonton.



**ASBA:** Report was tabled to the next meeting.

**Teacher Registry:** As of September 1, the new teacher registry went into effect. More information can be found [here](#).

**School Bus Regulation Changes:** Small but significant changes include: school buses can now travel at the posted speed limit and drivers no longer require an S-endorsement when shuttling a bus from site to site without students on board.