

February 8, 2023

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



St. Paul Education

2023-24 School Calendar Approval

Trustees reviewed feedback received from school councils, parents and staff on the two draft versions of the 2023-2024 school calendar. Calendar A, which is very similar to the 2022-2023 calendar, received the most support from stakeholders with some recommendations with regards to professional learning days. The intention of the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) days is to support staff in building collaborative practices that will improve student learning. These days are distributed to allow frequent re-visiting of goals and strategies. Trustees approved Calendar A as presented with amendments and that administration develop a calendar for Two Hills Mennonite and the Colony schools that is consistent with the approved calendar. The 2023-34 school calendar can be viewed [here](#).

Traffic Safety at École Racette School

Concerns were raised regarding traffic volume and safety for student drop off at École Racette School as it is located on a major highway. The Board requested that the Facilities department look into the matter.

ASCA Conference Sponsorship

The 2023 Alberta School Councils Conference is being held on April 21-23, 2023. The Board approved sponsoring the registration fee and accommodation costs for two parents to attend the conference. Those that are interested are asked to send an email to their school trustee. The deadline for applications is March 1.

2023-24 Budget

The budget for the next school year is due May 31. The division funding allocation is expected to follow the release of the provincial budget on February 28. Due to a number of planned deficits, reserves are now at minimum levels which will require the division to have a balanced budget in 2023-24. The division is preparing a range of scenarios that would see expenses reduced between \$1 to \$2 million dollars. Trustees and stakeholders will be engaged in budget development in the coming months including the setting of priorities.

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