# June 14, 2023 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



## Summer School

St. Paul Alternate Education Centre is pleased to offer Summer School from July 4 to 27, 2023. Summer School is open to St. Paul Education students who have completed Grade 9 through to Grade 12 as well as high school students from other school divisions in Alberta. More information about the Summer School program is available <u>here</u>.

## **Division Branding and School Names**

The Division is developing a process to standardize the Division and school names. The Board approved a motion to develop a process to change the school division name to be more inclusive of all division communities, as well as a motion to provide direction regarding school names. An additional motion was made to approve the new St. Paul Alternate Education Centre and Elk Point Outreach School logos.

## **Integrated School Support Program**

The Division has been chosen to receive funding through a research based grant to provide wraparound supports in an elementary school in St. Paul. Ecole St. Paul Elementary met the criteria of the grant. Supports embedded in the school will include a full-time mental health professional who will help support current nutrition and physical wellness in school. The grant encourages after school programming and a positive police presence in schools. The grant term is yearly and is expected to exist from September 2023-June 2026 as long as the funding is available from the Government of Alberta.

#### Information Technology

Assistant Superintendent Keith Gamblin provided an overview of technology supports across the Division. Topics included electronic data storage, devices, and software. New initiatives for the upcoming school year include updated Division and school websites, an improved library management system, and implementation of SchoolMessenger to aid in parent communication and attendance notification.

#### **Financial Update**

The 2023-24 budget was approved on May 29, 2023. The Board approved a balanced budget. Some staffing adjustments were necessary to adjust to enrolment decline and align with spending revenue. The Instruction block is still forecasted to have a deficit, which is to be offset by a surplus in Governance and Administration. Additional information and infographics are available on the Division <u>website</u>.

The Division would like to thank our students and staff for their hard work throughout the year. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break!

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