

December 13, 2023

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



St. Paul Education

Alberta Education Results Report (AERR)

Trustees passed a motion to approve the Division's Annual Education Results Report. This annual document provides an overview of our progress in advancing the Division's educational priorities and those of the province. The results highlighted in our AERR are used to identify the Division's goals, outcomes and strategies within the annual Education Plan. The full document can be found on our division [website](#).

Research Grant Proposal

The Division is currently participating in research with Grant MacEwan University to promote pathways to post-secondary education for Indigenous students. To continue this work, the Division is pursuing an additional grant opportunity from the federal government. The Board approved a motion supporting the Division's application for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant. If successful, the funding will support the Division in working with other partners to identify common learnings and promising practices in education.

2024-25 School Calendar

Trustees reviewed two draft calendars. Calendar A is very similar to the 2023-24 calendar. Calendar B has a full week break in November. Trustees passed a motion to circulate the calendars for feedback in January.

Community Consultations

The Board will begin phase one of the community consultation process by reaching out to parents and school communities. Municipalities will be included in phase two.

Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Champagne summarized the results of the 2022-23 audited financial statements approved at the November 23, 2023 meeting. The Division incurred a deficit of \$617,136. This was better than the budgeted deficit of \$1,093,027 and an improvement over the previous year's deficit of \$1,795,306. Division reserves have been drawn down to minimum levels, and the Division needs to continue to align expenses with revenues which are a function of enrolment. Financial statements are posted on the Division's website.

Mallaig School Design

The design committee has explored numerous options and has now settled on a draft schematic layout. The Division is also collaborating with the County of St. Paul to assess the demand for childcare in the Mallaig area and identify a suitable operator. Childcare falls outside the K-12 education mandate, and the Division is actively engaging with various stakeholders to explore viable options.

Family School Liaison Worker Program

Thank you to the Two Hills FCSS and the County of St. Paul for their ongoing financial support of this valuable program for the 2023-24 school year.

Holiday Activities

The Division wishes to express gratitude to staff for their efforts in making Christmas concerts a memorable experience. Dates and times of school concerts are available [here](#). As we prepare for the Christmas break, schools are also working to ensure students and families are aware of the supports available over the holidays. Please visit the Mental Health and Wellness [page](#) on our website for a list of local and provincial resources.

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