

**November 8, 2023**

# **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



**St. Paul Education**

## **Community Consultations**

As part of its strategic plan and evaluation, the Board indicated its desire to hold community consultations. The intent is to promote engagement and gather feedback from parents and community stakeholders on educational issues. This initiative will be done in consultation with Division leadership. The Board approved a motion to create a community consultation committee that will be a committee of the whole.

## **ATA Agreement:**

The Board and teachers have ratified local terms for a new collective agreement.

## **2024-25 School Calendar**

The Division is in the early stages of creating the 2024-25 learning calendar. Planning will follow a similar process as last year and incorporate feedback from staff, parents and other community stakeholders.

## **SchoolMessenger**

We are in the early stages of phase one of SchoolMessenger implementation across the Division. This communication tool will allow schools to send notifications to families via phone, text and email. Parents have been invited to opt-in or out of receiving text messages. Phase two of SchoolMessenger implementation will include activating the attendance reporting feature, Safe Arrival, and is expected to begin early in 2024.

## **2022 Scholarship Program**

A video will soon be released recognizing our Local Scholarship Recipients for our division-wide scholarship program. We recognize the hard work and accomplishments of our students and would also like to thank all of our local scholarship sponsors for supporting our students.

## **Local Authorities Election Act Review**

Alberta's government is seeking input from the public and stakeholders on the Local Authorities Elections Act which governs school trustee and municipal elections. A public survey is open until December 6 and will help inform potential changes. Additional information and the link to complete the surveys is available [here](#).

## **Financial Report**

The transition to a new insurance provider has been finalized with the new policy year starting November 1. The Division is pleased to report that the premiums have gone down significantly and will result in a positive budget adjustment of \$350,000.

The Province announced additional Learning Disruption grant funding which is intended to provide targeted programming in literacy and numeracy for the remainder of this school year. The Division will be receiving \$64,125.

The Board will review the year-end audit on November 23, 2023. Two public members are still being sought for the audit committee.

## **Myrnam Community Library**

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) has served notice that they will cease operating the municipal library located in New Myrnam School effective December 22, 2023. The Board is hopeful that community and municipal stakeholders can find a solution to keep the program in operation.

## **Minister of Education Visit**

SPERD representatives had an opportunity to meet with Minister Demetrios Nicolaides on October 12.

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