

September Trustee Report

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- After ten years, I decided to step away from the Board Chair position at the end of my term. At the August 24 organizational meeting the Board elected Cathy Allen as the new Board Chair and Susan Miller as the new Vice Chair.
- Board approved in the spring a \$208M budget with minimal use of reserves. 2022-23 we expended a substantial amount of our reserves that seen \$4.5M allocated out to school that we are not able to do for the 2023 -23 year. The Board will use reserves to extend the Career Pathway work for an additional year and to cover our commitment for year 2 of the Student Mental Health Strategic Plan. We are also reintroducing leveraging student achievement funds that will be made up of any surpluses that is turned back to the division by the schools to be redistributed through this initiative. 2023-24 is a tight budget with \$6.5M of additional funding that are targeted grants with the remaining \$2.2 addressing inflationary pressures. The Board received \$858K for classroom complexity. \$354K has been allocated to Early Learning and \$504K has been allocated to Specialized Supports for Schools for the following items:
 - a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
 - a Speech Language Pathologist Assistive Technology
 - a Reading Specialist Consultant position.
- It is expected the recommendation for secondary French Immersion will be coming forward at the October 19 Board meeting. Parents will be notified once the report is uploaded to the website under Board meeting packages. Thank you to those that completed the most recent survey that went out mid-June.
- The Board will be identifying areas of focus for the Board's work and advocacy for the 2023-24 at our upcoming Retreat on September 18 and 19.
- The Board will be having a meeting with Sherwood Park MLA Kyle Kasawski on September 20.
- The Board will be kicking off the first Committee of School Council meeting of 2023-24 school year, with a Mix and Mingle being held on Oct 4 in the Boardroom where pizza will be provided to school council representatives and their principal starting at 5:15. I encourage you to send a representative to these meetings as it is a great way to learn from other school councils and to have a voice at the district level. The meeting will begin at 6:30