



**DATE:** January 25, 2023

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Stacey Buga, Committee Chair

**GOVERNANCE POLICY:** [Policy 221 – Role of the Trustee](#)  
[Policy 230 – Board Committees](#)  
[Policy 230 – Board Committees; Appendix K – Advocacy Committee](#)  
[Policy 231 – Student Advisory Committee](#)

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE:** [Policy 225 – Board Responsibility and Conduct](#)  
[Administrative Procedure 250 – Student Advisory Committee](#)  
*Board Procedures Regulation 82/2019*  
*Education Act: Section 34, 51, 52(1)(b)*  
Assurance Domains – [Governance & Local and Societal Context](#)

**SUBJECT:** Advocacy Committee

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**PURPOSE:**

For information.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Advocacy Committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding the advocacy priorities and strategies to be undertaken by the Board of Trustees. The Committee recommends and reviews policies related to advocacy. The Committee is to undertake ad hoc Committee work relative to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

- The Student Advisory Committee is a sub committee of the Advocacy Committee. The Board believes in, and supports, the inclusion of a student voice in its deliberations. The Student Advisory Committee provides an opportunity for student representatives to engage in a dialogue with the Board and Superintendent about matters of mutual interest and provides students with knowledge and understanding about Public Education and Sturgeon Public School Division. Two grade 7–9 students and two grade 10-12 students from schools across the Division make up the Student Advisory Committee.

**REPORT SUMMARY:**

The Advocacy Committee held a meeting on December 21, 2022. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Municipal Partner Meetings – invitations sent to the Town of Morinville, Town of Redwater and Sturgeon County;
- Debrief from the Student Advisory Committee meeting held on December 12, 2022;
- Discussed the ASBA – Friends of Education Award;
- Local Chambers of Commerce discussion and the important role they play;



- Discussed the wording around “Choice Rider” that was in the Transportation letter sent on December 21, 2022, to families; and
- Shared form letters available on the Foothills School Division website for stakeholder letter writing campaigns.

An Advocacy Committee meeting is scheduled on February 22, 2023.

The Committee Chair is prepared to respond to questions at the January 25, 2023, Public Board meeting.