



Date: May 28, 2025 **Agenda Item:** 7.6

To: Board of Trustees

From: Shawna Warren, Superintendent

Originator(s): Jonathan Konrad, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

Subject: **2025 - 2026 Council of School Councils' Meetings**

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Board of Trustees approve that the 2025 - 2026 Council of School Councils' meetings will take place in person on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, and Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Background:

The Council of School Councils' (COSC) is an informal gathering of the Chair and/or Vice Chair of each school council for the purpose of sharing information, building connections between the school councils and facilitating communication between the Board of Trustees, school councils and the Division's administrative team.

As per *Policy 225 - Role of the Board; School Council*, section 11, the Board of Trustees is to "meet at least annually with the Council of School Councils or School Council Chairs". Each year, the Board of Trustees hosts the first meeting of the Sturgeon Public Schools' Council of School Councils. The first meeting is usually held in late October or early November in order to give all Sturgeon Public schools the opportunity to have their first school council meeting to elect their chair and vice chair positions.

In addition, there are no individual school council meetings on the dates provided, and consideration has also been given to avoid Parent Teacher Interview evenings.

Administration will bring a Memo to the October 2025 Public Board meeting, requesting further direction from the newly elected Board regarding venue location and choice of meals or refreshments.

Status & Relationship to Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS):

This report aligns with the [SLQS](#) in the following way:

COMPETENCY:	(1) Building Effective Relationships
INDICATORS:	e. establishing constructive relationships with students, staff, school councils, parents/guardians, employee organizations, the education ministry and other stakeholder organizations; and f. facilitating the meaningful participation of members of the school community and local community in decision-making.

COMPETENCY:

(7) Supporting Effective Governance

INDICATORS:

a. establishing and sustaining a productive working relationship with the board, based on mutual trust, respect and integrity;
l. facilitating ongoing public communication about the board's operations and the achievement of its goals and priorities; and
m. promoting constructive relations between the board and staff, as well as provincial authorities, post-secondary institutions and education stakeholder organizations.

Governance Implications:

[Policy 225: Role of the Board](#)

School Council

The Board of Trustees believes that school councils provide valuable advisory assistance to the school principal and to the Board [Education Act s.55, the School Councils Regulation, and the Alberta School Councils Resource Guide]. Specifically, the Board:

11. Meet at least annually with the Council of School Councils or School Council Chairs.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the May 28, 2025, Public Board meeting.

Attachment(s):

Not applicable.