

STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public School Community
June 2025



Landing Trail students smile for the camera at the second annual Summer Festival, held June 12, 2025.

Investing in Student Well-Being Through Inter-Ministerial Collaboration

The Sturgeon Public Schools Board of Trustees has formally submitted an advocacy letter to the Ministers of Education and Childcare, Health and Mental Health & Addiction. This letter calls for a provincial framework that aligns health and education services, with a focus on embedding mental health and primary care supports directly into school communities. The Board emphasizes that strategic collaboration across ministries is critical to student success, staff retention and long-term system sustainability.

Read the full letter here:

[View Full Advocacy Letter – June 2025](#)



August Board Meeting Approved

At their June 18 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the **addition of a Public Board Meeting on August 27, 2025**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. A Committee of the Whole meeting will precede it at 9:00 a.m., focused on policy review.

This extra meeting was added to allow sufficient time to revise Board policies in response to legislative changes taking effect on September 1, 2025. In particular, *Board Policy 20: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities* must be updated to align with new direction from Alberta Education.

The meeting will also support the timely completion of other scheduled policy updates for the 2025–2026 school year. These updates will help set up the next Board of Trustees—elected in October—for a strong start. The regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 24, 2025, will still take place as planned.

Division Reports Now Available

We invite you to explore several important reports that provide insight into student learning, community input and programming across the Division. Click below to read:

- [Off-Campus Education Report 2024–2025](#)
- [Fine Arts Report 2024–2025](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Summary 2024–2025](#)
- [Locally Developed Courses](#)

These reports highlight the work being done to support student success and strengthen school communities.

Trustee Election 2025

Election Day is Monday, October 20, 2025, and Sturgeon Public Schools is calling on community members to get involved in the democratic process that helps shape local education.

School board trustees play a vital role in advocating for students, supporting schools and ensuring the Division operates in the best interests of students and families across our communities. If you are passionate about public education, now is your opportunity to step forward.

Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025, with the nomination period open as of January 1, 2025. Interested candidates must complete the required forms and can contact our Returning Officer at 780-993-4341 or email corporate.services@sturgeon.ab.ca to submit their nomination package.

Sturgeon Public Schools is divided into seven wards, representing 17 schools. Whether you're considering running or want to stay informed, the [ASBA Guide for School Board Trustees](#) offers helpful insights on the responsibilities and impact of this important role.

Your voice matters—be part of the change in your community.

[Learn more about the election process →](#)



Gibbons School Amalgamation Approved

At the June 18th Public Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the amalgamation of Gibbons School and Landing Trail School. This decision is conditional on the provincial government approving the Gibbons & Landing Trail Solution for construction as part of the Division's Three-Year Capital Plan.

The proposed new K-9 school is the Division's top capital priority. Leading up to this decision, the Division hosted a community engagement event, gathered stakeholder feedback and held a public meeting in accordance with *Board Policy 15: School Closure*. Thank you to all families, staff and community members who participated and shared their perspectives.

Summer Message from the Board of Trustees

As the 2024-2025 school year comes to a close, the Board of Trustees extends our deepest appreciation to the students, staff and families of Sturgeon Public Schools. This has been a year of meaningful progress, one that asked us to adapt, plan with care and work in partnership across our communities.

Throughout the year, the Board has remained focused on ensuring every decision supports student success and reflects the priorities outlined in our Education Plan: Empowered Student and Staff Learning; Healthy, Safe School Communities; and Future Readiness and Innovative Learning. From policy updates and budget planning to school events and strategic engagement with our municipal and provincial partners, we are proud of the work that has taken place and the collaborative spirit that has made it possible.

We know the summer months are a time to recharge, reconnect and reflect. For our graduating students, we offer heartfelt congratulations as you begin your next chapter. For our returning students and staff, we look forward to welcoming you back this fall.

The work of the Board continues over the summer as we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, finalize policy reviews and continue our advocacy on key priorities including funding, inclusive learning environments and long-term capital planning.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. We wish you a safe and restful summer.

