

### **Trustee Report for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Students and Staff from Brookwood School and Woodhaven Middle School made a presentation on the Parkland School Division Christian Program.

The Parkland School Division Christian Program is available to all families who want their Kindergarten to Grade 9 children taught in a non-denominational and spiritually nurturing environment. The Middle Years Program (5-9) is housed at Woodhaven Middle School.

This Christian program is an excellent example of how PSD provides choice to families. To grow in your education and faith while being accessible for all students and abilities is amazing.

### **Advocacy plan for 2022/23**

Replacement school for SGCH, **approved for design funding, not construction funding**, sustainability of school boards. Hope of letter to generate conversation within boards across Alberta.

- PSD will continue advocacy efforts for the replacement high school.

### **Transportation Changes**

- The Alberta government is lowering the distance requirement for students to be able to access school transportation and providing funding for those attending alternative and private schools.

Currently, students must live at least 2.4 kilometres from their designated school to access busing. But with the changes to the funding manual for school authorities, the distance will be lowered to one kilometre for students in Grades 1 to 6 and two kilometres for Grades 7 to 12 students beginning in September 2024.

Eligibility for change. Will mean fewer seats available for those who are currently illegible or needing alternative seat.

- The Fee and Allowances for 2023-2024 were approved at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Fee increases are required to operate the regional transportation system on a break-even basis. The fee increases are being proposed to offset

Transportation's anticipated increases in contractor rates due to inflation. These proposed fees are based on the current provincial funding model and adjustments may be required based on changes in provincial funding models.

There is an increase for ineligible rural riders of \$55 or 11% as this fee will match the fee for ineligible urban riders. There is also a \$5 increase to eligible riders. All other transportation fees remain unchanged.

The fee increases in transportation are anticipated to generate an additional \$30,000 in revenue. This revenue is required to offset increased operating costs in transportation

### **EDWIN PARR**

The Edwin Parr Teachers Awards are presented annually by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) to honour outstanding first-year teachers. The ASBA bestows the awards upon a maximum of six teachers, each representing a different provincial zone. School boards may nominate any first-year kindergarten to Grade 12 teacher who has taught in an Alberta school jurisdiction that is a member of the ASBA. Parkland School Division is within Zone 2/3.

- Jenna Stunbar selected and nominated by our Edwin Parr Nomination Committee. All 5 nominees from PSD will be recognised in June at the Merits and Milestones night.