

## **School Council Trustee Report**

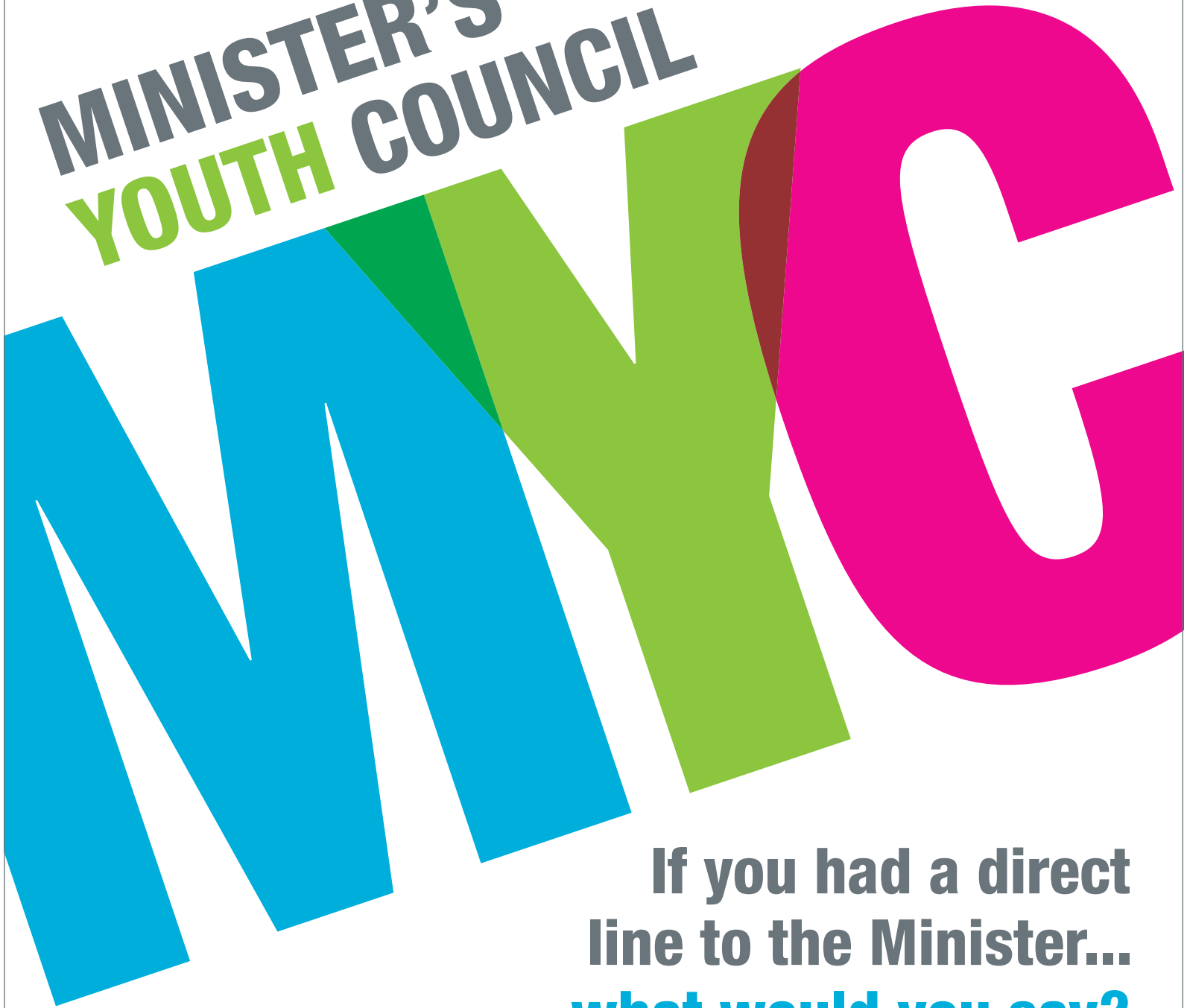
**February, 2023**

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- Trustees were given a presentation from students and staff from Forest Green School and Connections for Learning “School-wide Snack Program: Forest Green and the Learning Hub” at the Feb. 2023 Board Meeting. This collaboration created a weekly school-wide snack program for students at Forest Green School. The program aims to provide healthy snacks for all students, while also helping the high school students learn how to plan, prepare and deliver snacks.
- Superintendent Report: Registration for the next school year opened Feb. 13 with some of the previously announce attendance boundaries enacted. The Edwin Parr Award for outstanding first year teacher (from Alberta School Board’s Association) had 21 possible first year teachers eligible from which 5 have been selected to be considered by the Trustee Committee assigned to choosing one. February 24 is the date for a major fundraiser to support the Ukraine; some schools have activities planned. Senior Administration visited our newest school, Athabasca Delta Community School, to meet community members and school staff; fabulous feedback was received from this positive meeting on how we may adjust things. PSD has submitted 3 Indigenous students’ names for the Alberta School Board’s annual Honoring Spirit Award. Trustees and Senior Administration spent 2 days touring our west end schools to see the wonderful and creative programming each school has embraced to serve their local community.
- Board approved a recommendation that beginning the 2024-2025 school year, students in grades 7-9 who reside in the Parkland Village School attendance area are redirected to attend Woodhaven Middle School rather than Prescott Learning Centre. Further any of these students who at Prescott School be permitted to remain at Prescott Learning Centre until they complete grade 9 without having to pay for school of choice fees.
- Trustees approved the revised Board Policy 13: Appeals to the Board Regarding Student Matters. Key changes include: updates to language that reflects Alberta Legislation; updates to format and language to add clarity; and, addition of a schedule that highlights the appeal process.
- The 2023-2024 School Year Calendar draft was presented for discussion. Proposed amendments to the Calendar accommodate the strong interests represented through stakeholder feedback. The School Year Calendar is generally approved by the Superintendent no later than March 1.

- The Board received the Workplace Safety Report as information. PSD is guided by Occupational Health and Safety Act in its efforts to protect employees, students and visitors from workplace incidents. The Division, under this Act, has formed a Divisional Joint Health and Safety Committee with members representing various employee groups within the Division.
- The Board received, as information, the Early Learning Report, which focuses on the Early Childhood Services (ECS) in the Division. ECS refers to the broad, coordinated system of local and provincial programs that meet the developmental and special education needs of young children and their families. Our number of children with severe codes has increased by 13.9% this school year. For the 2022-2023 school year, students who are eligible under Alberta Education's Special Education Criteria are funded: Early Education (preschool)-PUF grants; Kindergarten- Student Learner Support grant (SLS). We are noticing a delay in student's physical development, specifically in the area of gross motor skills, in kindergarten age students (most likely by many restricted opportunities due to COVID).
- The Board received the Student Services Report as information at its Feb. 2023 meeting. The Student Services Report highlighted the various ways in which the Student Services Team supports schools to provide an inclusive, safe, supportive, academic learning environment that serves the needs of a diverse population of students from K-12. The Student Services Department coordinates resources and agencies with schools and PSD families to facilitate a variety of programming and support services.
- The Minister of Education is now recruiting for the 2023/24 Youth Council; looking for 32 new members; March 24, 2023 is the deadline. See poster below for details.

# MINISTER'S YOUTH COUNCIL



## If you had a direct line to the Minister... what would you say?

- Interested in sharing your ideas to help shape Alberta's education system?
- We are looking for 40 junior and senior high school students with diverse interests, identities and backgrounds to share their perspectives.
- As a council member, you'll gain valuable experience and develop your leadership and communication skills.

Be part of the conversation and apply today!

The deadline to apply is **March 24, 2023**  
For more information, including how to apply, visit  
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