

DATE: February 20, 2018

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Bridget Stirling, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #2 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held February 6, 2018)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4
[Trustees' Handbook](#) – Section 6 – Board Committees
[School Act](#) – Section 61

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendation was approved at the February 6, 2018, Caucus Committee meeting:

That the Board approves contributing \$50,000 towards the establishment of the CASA Research Chair in Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

BACKGROUND

CASA Child Adolescent and Family Mental Health and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Alberta are heading a collaborative effort to establish a Research Chair in support of Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Alberta.

The research directly relates to two areas of focus in the District:

- providing effective supports for students facing mental health challenges, and
- increasing District staff awareness and understanding around mental health

The research will be immediately relevant in the province and District classrooms.