

DATE: April 18, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Trisha Estabrooks

SUBJECT: Expenditure of Funds for Parent/Family Appreciation Night

RESOURCE STAFF: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE [Trustee Handbook - Board Initiative Fund](#)

ISSUE

The Board of Trustees would like to thank families and parent volunteers with a board-hosted event in May. Board approval is required to expend the required funds to host this event.

BACKGROUND

Through a survey tool, Trustees have indicated that May 10 is the optimal date to host an appreciation event for parents and families in the Division. The theme of the evening, as determined by feedback from Trustees, will be digital literacy.

Previous Boards of Trustees have hosted similar events and evenings for parents.

RELATED FACTS

- The event will be held on May 10 in the evening
- It will be held at an EPSB school with a large auditorium/theatre space
- Light refreshments will be provided
- A guest speaker will be invited to speak and then answer audience questions about digital literacy
- Childcare will be provided
- The estimated maximum cost for this event is \$8,500 and will come from the Board Initiative Fund which currently has an available balance of \$12,000

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve an allocation of up to \$8,500 from the Board Initiative Fund to host a parent/family appreciation evening.

CONSIDERATIONS and ANALYSIS

Board-hosted events are one way to thank families, as well as parent and caregiver volunteers, for the role they play in our school communities. It is also an opportunity for Edmonton Public parents and families to connect with their Trustee.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the planning for this event will continue.

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