

**DATE:** June 20, 2023

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Acting Vice-Chair Trustee Kusiek, Acting Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #11 of the Special Caucus Committee  
(From the meeting held on April 25, 2023)

**ORIGINATOR:** Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

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#### ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: 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 recommendations were approved at the April 25, 2023, Caucus Committee meeting:**

#### Proposed Next Steps for the SRO Study Process

That the Board of Trustees directs Administration to post the report, along with a statement explaining that further engagement is desired and will be conducted in the fall, to [epsb.ca](http://epsb.ca) in June 2023.

#### BACKGROUND

The Board approved the following motion in June 2020:

That the Board of Trustees request an independent review of the school resource officer program to be conducted by a university researcher, including a literature review, environmental scan, qualitative analysis of student and family experiences of SROs and policing, focusing on the experiences of Black, Brown, and Indigenous students and students with disabilities as well as other students from marginalized communities in Edmonton Public Schools.

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