

DATE: April 19, 2016

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Michelle Draper, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #5 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held April 5, 2016)

ORIGINATOR: Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director Governance, Strategic Services and Support for Schools

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 recommendations were approved at the April 5, 2016 Caucus Committee meeting:

Ritchie School Site - Final Sale and Transfer Agreement

1. *That the School Sale and Transfer Agreement for the non-reserve Ritchie School site be approved and executed.*

BACKGROUND – Recommendation 1

After extensive consultations, the Board of Trustees closed Ritchie School at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, due to low enrolment. The space was leased to Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord (CSCN) the following year to operate École Joseph-Moreau. On February 8, 2011, the school building was declared surplus to Edmonton Public Schools' needs. CSCN has stated their interest to acquire the property. The School Transfer and Sale Agreement has been reviewed by District legal counsel, CSCN legal counsel, and legal counsel for Alberta Education.

J.C. Bowen Surplus Vacant School Site – Final Sale and Transfer Agreement

2. *That the non-reserve site legally described as Plan B, Block 4, Lot 34 be declared surplus to district need, be approved.*

BACKGROUND – Recommendation 2

Lands in Edmonton, which are dedicated through the land development process for future schools, are held by the City of Edmonton on behalf of a school district until a new school is constructed. With the construction of a new school, ownership or title to the site is transferred from the City of Edmonton to the applicable school jurisdiction. In the early 1970s, Edmonton Public Schools identified a need for two

elementary schools in the Evansdale neighbourhood. Two reserve sites were allocated: Evansdale (Evansdale School site) and J.C. Bowen (a planned school that was never built). With the construction of Evansdale School in 1971, as well as two nearby schools (J.A. Fife School - 1969 and Northmount School - 1970), the elementary school on the J.C. Bowen site was not realized. With respect to the J.C. Bowen site, title was transferred from the City of Edmonton to Edmonton Public Schools in 1970, in anticipation of the construction of a school there.

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