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Board Meeting #10

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Jim Davies
Ron MacNeil
Kathy Muhlethaler

Lorne Parker
Kent Pharis
Madonna Proulx

Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard
Mike Suderman

Board Chair: Michael Janz

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President
Exempt Staff (Management and Non-Management) – Julie Ketel and Monica McGrath

The Board Chair called the meeting to order with recognition that we are on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

The Board Chair advised that the firm alarm system at the Centre for Education is a Two Stage alarm system. Stage One is a single repeating alarm tone indicating a warning only and that evacuation is not required. Stage Two is a triple repeating alarm tone indicating that evacuation is required.

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B. Roll Call: (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

**“That the agenda for the April 5, 2016 board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair provided communications.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent announced the individuals designated to principalship for 2016-2017.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 15, 2016

Trustee Janz referred to the notice of motion that was served at the last Board meeting (page three of the minutes) and advised that he will defer the motion to a future Board meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held March 15, 2016 be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

H. Reports

2. Engaged and Effective Governance: Student Leadership

MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:

“1. That, as a means to promoting the active engagement and enhanced student voice in the democratic process, the Youth Engagement Model proposed herein be approved.

And;

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**2. That, the proposed budget to support costs associated with the implementation of the Youth Engagement Model for the 2016-2017 school year be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

3. Staff Group Presentations re 2016-2017 Proposed Budget

The Board Chair advised that the President of CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff) notified the Board office earlier in the day indicating that he would not be available to present at the meeting as scheduled.

The Board Chair advised that CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) will present at the April 19, 2016 Board meeting.

Mr. Nels Olsen, President of Local 37 of the Alberta Teachers’ Association presented the Local’s brief.

Ms Carol Chapman, President CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff), presented the Local’s brief.

Ms Julie Ketel and Ms. Monica McGrath presented a brief on behalf of the Exempt Staff.

The Board Chair thanked Mr. Olsen, Ms Chapman, Ms Ketel and Ms McGrath for their presentations and advised that a response to the staff group presentations will be prepared for public board.

4. Summer Programming Pilot Project – Greater Lawton Area Schools

Information was provided regarding the summer programming pilot project in the Greater Lawton area schools.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Johner provided a verbal report.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Johner requested that information be provided regarding the District’s approach in supporting the teachers in addressing the mental health needs of students?

Specifically:

- Does the District offer professional learning to staff?
- Are there supporting documents and resources to assist teachers promote positive mental health strategies in their classrooms?
- Does the District have the capacity to provide intervention supports for students in need?

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- What is the role of Alberta Mental Health?

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Janz served notice of motion that the Edmonton Public School Board reaffirm its commitment to the Provincial Government to phase out public funding to private or charter schools and to reinvest this money in public education.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**M. Adjournment (4:25 p.m.)**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director
Governance and Strategic Support
Services/Corporate Secretary