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**Board Meeting #07**

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, January 22, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Sherry Adams  
Shelagh Dunn  
Michelle Draper

Trisha Estabrooks  
Ken Gibson  
Nathan Ip

Michael Janz  
Bridget Stirling

**Officials**

Angela Anderson  
Lisa Austin  
Grace Cooke  
Todd Burnstad  
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills  
Leona Morrison  
Kathy Muhlethaler  
Lorne Parker  
Nancy Petersen

Kent Pharis  
Darrel Robertson  
Mike Suderman  
Liz Yule

**Board Chair:** Michelle Draper

**Recording Secretary:** Shirley Juneau

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 fire 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.

The Board Chair advised those attending the meeting in person that the floor area is restricted to the Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Director of Board and Superintendent Relations and Recording staff, with an area reserved for media. She advised that she would signify to any other staff or registered speakers to come down to the floor at the designated time on the agenda. The Board Chair thanked everyone for their cooperation.

**A. O Canada **

Ms Lily Davison, a Grade 11 student from M.E. LaZerte School, led the singing of O Canada.

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

The Superintendent advised that Trustee Johner was absent. All other Trustees were present.

### **C. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:**

**“That the agenda for the January 22, 2019, Board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **D. Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair shared that the Maintenance Employees' Appreciation Day was on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, and to show the District's appreciation for their contributions in helping to make sure schools and offices are safe, healthy and secure, the District created a Maintenance Employees' Appreciation Day video showing the care and resourcefulness they bring to the District. She thanked the maintenance employees for their hard work and dedication in supporting District staff and students.

The Board Chair reported that on January 17, 2019, she attended the province's 2019 Budget Consultation meeting where she had the opportunity to hear the government's preliminary thoughts on the next budget and to ask questions. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, she thanked the province for the funding the District currently receives and advised them that the District's needs continue to grow and is hopeful that the budget to come will reflect this. The Board Chair reiterated to the province that the District continues to grow by approximately 3,000 student a year and anticipates being out of high school space by 2022. She expressed that a new high school in the southeast, the Meadows, is the District's number one priority in the District's Capital Plan. The Board Chair shared that often there is not enough room for students to attend a school close to their homes, requiring them to travel long distances to school which causes the District's transportation costs to continue to grow.

The Board Chair also shared the benefits of having increased access to more mental health services in schools, saying the best way to provide these services is through collaboration across governments departments and funding delivered directly to school boards. She said that attending the consultation meeting was an opportunity to restate to the government the significant needs and the openness of the District in exploring shared services and flexible funding models.

### **E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent congratulated music teacher Mr. Jacob Feniak and the Music 10-20-30 students from J. Percy Page High School for winning the High School Vocal category of the CBC Music Class Challenge. He advised that the contest had more than 15,000 students and 1,000 submissions from every province and territory in Canada. He shared that the J. Percy Page High School will receive \$5,000 of new musical instruments and a framed gold record.

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The Superintendent advised that the Hockey Helps Kids campaign has kicked off and kids from around the city will get the opportunity to learn the value of social responsibility and community outreach, and they get to do so as part of the Oiler’s team. He explained that four Edmonton schools are paired with an Oiler’s player and together, each team chooses a charity. Each team then competes for fan votes to win \$25,000. The Superintendent said that the four teams each developed a two-minute video that is posted on the Hockey Helps Kids website and encouraged everyone to vote.

The Superintendent announced the teams as follows:

<b>School</b>	<b>Oiler</b>	<b>Charity</b>
Dickinsfield	Lucic	Kids with Cancer Society
Hilwie Hamdon	McDavid	The Mustard Seed
S. Bruce Smith	Draisaitl	CASA Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health
Sister Annata Brockman	Nugent-Hopkins	Edmonton Autism Society

The Superintendent thanked the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation, school staff and students for working together for these good causes.

**F. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting # 06 – December 11, 2019

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #06 held, December 11, 2018, 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. Motion re: New Schools Be Net Zero

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the Edmonton Public School Board advocate to the provincial government that new schools be net zero.”  
(CARRIED)**

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**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Adams, Dunn, Estabrooks, Gibson, Ip, Janz and Stirling**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Draper**

**ABSENT: Trustee Johner**

There was a short break in the meeting.

3. Strategic Plan Update - Numeracy

The Board of Trustees received an overview of the data, strategies and initiatives used in support of high quality teaching and learning of numeracy and mathematics.

4. Annual Update on Operational Efficiencies: 2017-2018

Information was provided regarding efficiencies that had been initiated during the 2017-2018 school year, efficiencies and opportunities currently being investigated and future planned initiatives and opportunities.

Trustee Gibson requested that the report be submitted to the Minister of Education.

There was a short break in the meeting.

5. Multi-Year Block Funding Model for School Infrastructure  
(Response to Request for Information #031)

Information was provided regarding the benefits and challenges of a multi- year block funding model for school infrastructure for Edmonton Public Schools.

### **I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Adams provided her Board report in writing as follows:

Trustee Adams thanked the following schools for the invitation to attend their vibrant school concerts: Michael Strembitsky, Jan Reimer, Sakaw, Ellerslie Campus, Crawford Plains and Shauna May Seneca. Each of the seven concerts was a highlight and a wonderful example of the hard work that goes into making a successful concert.

On December 14, 2018, the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Stakeholder Engagement for Youth was held at the Centre for Education. Students from various high schools across the city met to give their personal feedback on the draft of Board Policy HAA.BP First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education. Animated and meaningful discussions took place around each table that will contribute to the reshaping of this policy.

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Trustee Adams thanked J. Percy Page for the invitation to attend their student pancake breakfast on December 21, 2018. She was pleased to be part of a team of teachers and guests that had the special privilege of serving pancakes to the students of this thriving high school community. The breakfast was a great expression of honouring the students and demonstrated the joyful interaction between the staff and teachers.

On January 8, 2019, several trustees toured the old and new Mill Creek Schools. Trustee Adams reported that it was amazing to see the students' faces on the day they would transfer from the old and worn Mill Creek School to the bright new building next door. Trustee Adams thanked the Infrastructure department for their exceptional work on this project.

On January 8, 2019, the Policy Review Committee met at the Centre for Education to review their work plan for 2019 and confirm plans for further conversations with stakeholders regarding the District's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy. Trustee Adams thanked Ms Marnie Beaudoin and Ms Nancy Petersen for the support they provide to the committee.

On January 11, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Millwoods Early Childhood Coalition (MWECC) for their monthly meeting at the Millwoods Library. The Coalition is launching a newsletter and hosting the "Preparing for Kindergarten" workshop on March 9, 2019, at the Leefield Community League. The coalition is going through a transition as the present director is moving on to another position and this position has not yet been filled.

January 16, 2019, was Maintenance Appreciation Day. Trustee Adams was very pleased to attend the luncheon and reported that it was very much appreciated by the maintenance staff. She enjoyed the time to personally thank the various maintenance crews for all the work they do in the District's schools.

Trustee Adams thanked Principal Fenton for the invitation to attend the Dan Knott Parent Council meeting on January 16, 2019. The wrap-around supports available at Dan Knott are exceptional, most of which are afforded through grants. There are a lot of community building events which take place at the school and, together with community partners, the school provided Christmas hampers for 18 needy families.

On January 17, 2019, a First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Stakeholder Engagement meeting was held for parents at Kate Chegwin School. It was an exceptional night for meeting and connecting with parents. The response from the parents was very affirming as they felt they had been heard and what they had to share was valued. They had a positive feeling about the direction the policy is taking. Trustee Adams thanked Principal Holmes for hosting the meal and the event at Kate Chegwin School. These community engagement sessions have been valuable to acquire a greater understanding for the development of this policy.

On January 18, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 meeting. There were two significant presentations made: The Alberta Education report and the

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new Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) program from Alberta Transportation which takes effect on March 1, 2019. The new regulations will impact bus services throughout the province and may pose a serious challenge for bus drivers and contractors to fulfill the qualifications needed by that date, especially in rural areas. Despite the requests to postpone this date to give more time to meet the qualifications, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the set date.

Trustee Adams thanked the Meyonohk Parent Council for the invitation to attend their meeting on January 21, 2019, and to share the District's Strategic Plan and the most recent results report. The Council is very interested to know about any plans for a junior high school in the south offering a Mandarin program. The Parent Council is a very committed and a valuable support to Meyonohk School as they support many school events throughout the year, including five cultural performances. Trustee Adams congratulated the Grade 6 class who raised \$2,000 for the Stollery Children's Hospital.

Trustee Draper reported that she attended school council meetings earlier in the month at Horse Hill, J.A. Fife and John Barnett schools where she shared the District's new vision statement. Trustee Draper advised that she also spend time at Fraser School and that she enjoyed connecting with the staff and students.

Trustee Dunn thanked the schools who invited her to share in their holiday celebrations at the end of the year. She also thanked the School Councils of Michael Phair and Dovercourt for inviting her to meetings in January. In addition, the Westminster School Council asked her to share that an upcoming film screening regarding teenage use of mobile devices is open to parents and that details on are Eventbrite.

Trustee Dunn said it was an honour to represent the Board of Trustees on the Child Friendly Edmonton Advisory Committee that was chaired by City Councillors Esslinger and Paquette.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked the parents and the Kate Chegwin School Council that participated and hosted Vice-Chair Stirling, Trustee Adams and her at a meeting to talk about the District's First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy. She thanked District staff that helped make the event such a success. She explained that they received some great suggestions from parents regarding the policy and said the conversations were meaningful, honest and valuable to the Policy Committee. Trustee Estabrooks advised that the online survey regarding the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy will be available on the District website until February 10, 2019.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked Ward D school councils that invited her to council meetings in the next few weeks. She also thanked the McNally Parent Association for the warm welcome at their most recent meeting.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked the Alberta Association for English-German Bilingual Education in Edmonton for the invitation to their meeting and explained that they are key partners in the District offering language programming.

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Trustee Estabrooks was pleased to represent the Board of Trustees at the Alberta School Boards Association meeting last week where they discussed issues to be raised during the upcoming provincial election.

Trustee Ip reported that he was invited by the Edmonton Chinese Multicultural Centre to emcee the opening ceremonies to kick off the annual Lunar New Year Extravaganza event at West Edmonton Mall on January 13, 2019. He said the event brings elements of a traditional Chinese market to Edmonton with vendor booths, food and performances and students from the Chinese Bilingual Program were on hand to perform over the two day event. The Confucius Institute of Edmonton also offered crafts and other cultural activities to the public. Trustee Ip would like to recognize the many parents, students and volunteers for making the event a success. In attendance were many dignitaries including many provincial MLA's, Deputy Premier Sarah Hoffman, Councillors Hamilton & Jon Dziadyk, and the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Calgary, Lu Xu.

On January 18, 2019, Trustee Ip had the pleasure of bringing greetings to a community conversation hosted by the Ribbon Rouge Foundation and Otherwise. Various stakeholders from communities of colour were invited to participate in an evening of dialogue, arts and culture.

On January 23, 2019, Trustee Ip was a guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting of the Heritage Point Community League. Trustee Ip shared the plans and design of the new Dr. Anne Anderson School. He also spoke about the community centre attached to the school and the unique partnership with the City of Edmonton. Councillor Cartmell and MLA Thomas Dang were also in attendance.

Trustee Ip had the opportunity to attend several Christmas Concerts or School Council Meetings in December and said that he is always deeply appreciative for the opportunity to connect with parents and community and thanked the schools for the invitations.

On behalf of the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation, Trustee Ip thanked the over 350 students, staff, and community members for volunteering at annual Wrap and Roll fundraiser at Kingsway Mall during December. He reported that \$12,185 was raised. Trustee Ip thanked the staff and students from M.E. LaZerte and Ross Shepard High Schools for their involvement.

Trustee Ip advised that the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation is pleased to announce a new partnership with Bayshore Home Health who has agreed to be the presenting sponsor at this year's Ready for Life breakfast fundraiser. Bayshore Home Health is one of Canada's leading providers of home and community health care services with over 100 locations across Canada and that their sponsorship of Ready for Life will enhance the event experience and contribute to its fundraising success.

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Trustee Janz reported that he is working with Metro Cinema and several community partners on a project called Reel Revolution which is a film series about films that inspire political action. He shared that there are free tickets for student leaders in Edmonton Public Schools to attend the five movies. Trustee Janz said that Administration will circulate a form for those wishing to attend. The next film in the series for Black History Month is Malcom X on February 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Janz advised that Winter Walk Day is on February 6, 2019, and encouraged everyone to participate in the spirit of active living in communities.

- J. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** - None
- K. **Notices of Motion** - None
- L. **Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.**
- M. **Adjournment: 4:40 p.m.**

**The Board Chair** adjourned the meeting.

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Michelle Draper, Board Chair

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Karen Mills, Director of Board and  
Superintendent Relations