

**MINUTE BOOK****Board Meeting #12**

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 30, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:****Trustees**

Sherry Adams  
Shelagh Dunn  
Michelle Draper

Trisha Estabrooks  
Ken Gibson  
Nathan Ip

Michael Janz  
Cheryl Johner  
Bridget Stirling

**Officials**

Angela Anderson  
Lisa Austin  
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

**Staff Group Representatives:**

Edmonton Public Teachers – Heather Quinn, President

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.

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### A. O Canada

The Royalty Chorus, the choir from King Edward School, performed O Canada.

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

### C. Approval of the Agenda

**MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:**

**“That the agenda for the April 30, 2019, Board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair reported that Support Staff Appreciation week was April 22-26 with April 24<sup>th</sup> designated as Support Staff Appreciation Day in the District. On this day, schools and central decision units had the opportunity to recognize the important contributions of all support staff for the excellent work that they do in supporting the success of all students and staff.

The Board Chair reported that April 28<sup>th</sup> was the National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed at the Workplace. In recognition of the men and women of the province who are part of those statistics, the Edmonton Public School Board on April 27, 1998, proclaimed every April 28<sup>th</sup> as an annual Day of Mourning in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job. She said the Board of Trustees encourages everyone to do their part to ensure that Edmonton Public Schools' work and learning environments are as healthy and safe for staff, students and community as possible throughout the year.

The Board Chair congratulated Premier Jason Kenney and looks forward to welcoming his new cabinet. She advised that she will be writing a letter of congratulations to Premier Kenney, and inviting him to meet to discuss the District's pressing needs, such as:

- The need for high school space so that the District is not out of room by 2022, as currently projected.
- The need for funding to address the District's deferred maintenance that now sits at over \$760 million dollars.
- The need for more mental health supports in schools.

The Board Chair also wants to ensure that the government is aware of the work the District is doing to provide the best education for students, such as:

- The review of the over 30 alternative programs we provide,
- The District's Career Pathways initiatives, and

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- The District's commitment to finding efficiencies and sharing services (including administrative services (including administrative services or other regional school boards)).

The Board Chair advised that she will work closely with the new Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange, to ensure District students have the supports and space they need to succeed.

The Board Chair thanked outgoing Premier Rachel Notley and Minister of Education, David Eggen, for their service to Alberta.

The Board Chair reported that she was proud to attend the Citizenship ceremony at McKay Avenue School on April 23, 2019, and represent the District. She brought greetings to the 50 candidates that took the oath of citizenship and got to be one of the first to congratulate them. The Board Chair shared that our nation celebrates, respects and supports people of all backgrounds and ethnicities. She explained that is a lesson we teach the District's more than 102,000 students in 213 schools across the city and that Canada stands for equity, fairness and compassion for all. She said that the District cherishes the differences and diverse backgrounds that together make our nation what it is today.

The Board Chair shared that the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation is hosting their signature fundraiser, the Ready for Life breakfast, on May 3, 2019, at J. Percy Page School. She explained that the breakfast is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the many positive impacts that full-day Kindergarten is having for many of the District's youngest learners and that it is also a chance to support this work so it can continue.

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

The Superintendent congratulated Mr. Scott Bezubiak who will be inducted into the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association Hall of Fame in the Athletic Administrator category. He shared that Scott is the Career Pathways Department Head at Harry Ainlay School.

The Superintendent thanked all the parents and staff who participated in pre-enrolment and acknowledged that it is an important decision for families when deciding which school to choose. He looks forward to welcoming the over 3,200 new students who are choosing to start their education journey with Edmonton Public Schools, and to welcoming a total of over 105,000 students in September.

The Superintendent welcomed 28 newly confirmed principals to the meeting. He advised that District staff who are appointed to the role of principal participate in a two-year evaluation process.

The Superintendent explained that new principals are confirmed based on the results of a two-year evaluation period, a recommendation by the Assistant Superintendents and a decision by the Superintendent.

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The Superintendent introduced the following principals who have been confirmed, effective September 1, 2019:

Danette Anderson, Hospital School Campuses  
Christine Dibben, Belvedere  
Jason Dolezal, Youngstown  
Heather Duncan, Mee-Yah-Noh  
Jodean Gagne, Weinlos  
Allan Henkelman, Callingwood  
Scott Horton, Glengarry  
Charlene Howard, Queen Alexandra  
Michelle Korchinski, Gold Bar  
Jill Kwasniewski, Brander Gardens  
Vanessa LeCaine, Sweet Grass  
Jennifer Lesko, Ormsby  
Karla Loberg-Walter, Athlone  
Cindy MacDonald, Minchau  
Scott Markine, Meadowlark Christian  
Mona Markwart, Spruce Avenue  
Carolyn Mathew, Lee Ridge  
Leanne Moncrieff, Dovercourt  
Lisa Nachtigal, Crawford Plains  
Jackie Pocklington, Horse Hill  
Clinton Preeper, McKee  
Theresa Purificati, Northmount  
Sherry Saulou, McArthur  
Nicole Schmidt, Forest Heights  
Jason Smith, Britannia  
Murray Smith, Afton  
Dan Vandermeer, Millwoods Christian  
Simon Williams, Rutherford

There was a short break in the meeting.

#### **D. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #11 – March 19, 2019

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held March 19, 2019, be approved as printed.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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On page 7 of 39 of the April 30, 2019, consolidated Board meeting package, Item 6: Motion re: New School Construction Projects, the amendment was moved by Trustee Draper and not Trustee Estabrooks as recorded.

### **MOVED BY The Board Chair:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held March 19, 2019, be approved as amended.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

There were no registered speakers for this item.

### **H. Reports**

2. Report #11 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held January 22, 2019)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the January 22, 2019, Caucus Committee meeting.

3. 2019-2020 Distribution of Funds

### **MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the Distribution of Funds for the 2019-2020 budget be approved.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. Strategic Plan Update – Leadership Framework

The Trustees received an overview of the new provincial Teacher Quality Standard (TQS) and Leadership Quality Standard (LQS) and District efforts to prepare District staff for the September 2019 implementation of these standards.

There was a short break in the meeting.

5. Curriculum Redesign  
(Response to Request for Information #036)

Trustee Estabrooks requested information as to how much the District has spent in supporting the Alberta Government’s curriculum redesign. The response to this request for information will be provided to the Board of Trustees in a Transmittal Memorandum (TM).

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The Board Chair indicated that she will be writing to Premier Kenney and the Minister of Education to inform them of the staff commitment involved in writing, reviewing and providing feedback on the draft curriculum.

### 6. Multi-Year Block Funding Model (Response to Request for Information #037)

Information was provided outlining how a multi-year block funding model for school infrastructure can address the District's short-term and long-term infrastructure needs.

The Board of Trustees discussed that:

- Block funding would provide greater flexibility to procure and bundle projects to maximize value.
- There would be additional opportunities for partnership with community partners that would be feasible under a more consistent, block-funded system.
- Block funding would increase the District's ability to bulk purchase.
- The block funding conceptual model could include the ability of the District to maintain current transportation services levels while minimizing the increase to parent fees and avoiding a redirection of operational funding from classrooms.
- An annual reporting requirement on how the funds were spent would ensure long-term transparency relating to expenditures and efficiencies.
- Piloting block funding would provide an opportunity for the District to become a regional leader in the application of block funding.

Trustee Gibson provided feedback stating that the District is a client of choice within the construction community and that the District's Infrastructure team is highly regarded and recognized. He suggested that this report be shared with partners of the District to seek their input regarding the advantages of a block funding model. Trustee Gibson also suggested compiling the information and sharing it and this report with the Minister of Education and Minister of Infrastructure.

The Board Chair requested that Trustee Ip, Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, present these suggestions to the Infrastructure Committee as action items.

### 7. Bereavement

The Vice-Chair reported on the passing of Dr. Linda Foti Gervais.

#### **I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

There were no registered speakers for this item.

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

Trustee Adams submitted the following information in writing:

On April 3, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the District Leadership meeting and reports that a number of topics including budget assumptions, provincial mild to moderate coding alignment, professional learning, ministerial order on seclusion rooms, literacy and numeracy interventions and measurements and new teacher preparation were discussed. Trustee Adams and several Trustees attended the Student Senate meeting later in the day.

On April 4, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Millwoods President's Council meeting and appreciated the opportunity to provide a trustee report and hear the various reports from the presidents of the 13 southeast Edmonton community leagues, elected officials, and various partners within Ward I.

On April 9, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Board Generative Discussion session where the District's Infrastructure team shared a real estate strategy for the District.

On April 10, 2019, Trustee Adams attended a dynamic opera presentation of Pinocchio at the Michael Strembitsky School and thanks them for the invitation.

On April 11, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the District's Policy Review Committee meeting where they discussed and reviewed several policies.

Trustee Adams reported that on April 15, 16 and 29, 2019, she attended parent council meetings at Kate Chegwin, J. Percy Page and T.D. Baker Schools, respectively. She said that Kate Chegwin will have a full house this fall and a variety of supports will be in place. Trustee Adams shared that the School Resource Officer is very involved with the school including coaching various sport teams. She said that J. Percy Page School also has amazing student supports and a committed parent council and that they had a good discussion around high school students navigating the transition to post-secondary education. Trustee Adams shared that parents communicated that they would like to be more involved in this process during the span of their children's high school careers. Trustee Adams reported that the discussion at the T.D. Baker School was very engaging and meaningful and that the parents appreciated the District's new vision statement and the work that takes place at the District level on behalf of the schools. Their major concern was the timing of the new high school for the southeast.

Trustee Draper reported that the TELUS World of Science celebrated the opening of CuriousCity on March 21, 2019. She explained that it is an interactive space aimed at children age eight and under, modeled after the City of Edmonton.

Trustee Draper was pleased to attend the ground breaking ceremony for the Edmonton Christian West School on April 1, 2019. She said that Edmonton Christian School, have

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partnered with Edmonton Public Schools since 1999 and that the District is responsible for operating the schools as an alternative program within the District. She explained that the Edmonton Christian Education Society is responsible for owning, maintaining and enhancing all Edmonton Christian School buildings, furniture and equipment. The Board Chair shared that the total project cost is \$16 million, \$4.3 million of which was raised from the community. The original fundraising goal was \$4 million, which was surpassed by \$300,000.

Trustee Estabrooks congratulated Edmonton Public Schools student Abu Bakr al Rabeeah and Highlands School teacher Winnie Yeung for being nominated for the Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for political writing. She said that the book will also be inducted into the National Library on Parliament Hill in Ottawa in May 2019.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked Eastglen School, the United Way and Denton's for hosting the "Make Your Mark on Poverty" event. She explained that students from city schools were part of this event and recognized for raising money to reduce poverty and raise awareness about poverty.

Trustee Estabrooks said she was proud to support a motion coming before city council today advocating for reduced speed zones in the core of Edmonton. She thanked the Livable Streets Edmonton group for offering a solution to make city streets safer for students and families.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked the Oliver Community League for inviting her to speak at their recent Annual General Meeting. She said that the Oliver Community League understands the idea that strong schools equal strong communities and that it was an honour to attend their meeting along with elected representatives from all levels of government.

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None**

**L. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Draper served notice that she will move that the Board of Trustees signs a Statement of Support for proclaiming the outstanding sections of the *Tobacco Reduction Amendment Act (2013)*.

Trustee Ip served notice that he will make a motion at the May 28, 2019, Board meeting that the Board of Trustees endorse a three per cent multi-year block funding model as outlined in Request for Information Report #037, and that the Board advocate to the Premier of Alberta, Minister of Education and Minister of Infrastructure and that the Board also share the report with the Mayor of Edmonton, Edmonton City Council and other Metro school boards.

**M. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.**

**N. Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.**



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**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