

**MINUTE BOOK****Board Meeting #03**

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, October 23, 2018, 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

**Student Trustees**

Hussain Alhussainy

Michael Chen

Cindy Liu

**Officials**

Angela Anderson  
Lisa Austin  
Grace Cooke  
Vanessa Croswell-Klettke  
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills  
Leona Morrison  
Kathy Muhlethaler  
Lorne Parker  
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  
CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President, Janice Kube, Vice-President and Gloria Lepine, Chief Steward

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.

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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** 

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“That the agenda for the October 23, 2018, Board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair welcomed the Student Senators, three Student Trustees Elect and guests that were present. She explained that the Student Senate is comprised of up to two students from each of the District’s 24 high schools. The Board Chair advised that in September the Student Senate elects a Student Senate Executive and three Student Trustees.

The Board Chair reported that Vice-Chair Stirling, Trustee Dunn and she had the pleasure of meeting with the Minister of Education, David Eggen, and the Minister of Health, Sarah Hoffman, on October 10, 2018. She advised that the meeting was in follow up to the Board’s motion advocating for cross-ministry funding and collaboration for increased availability of mental health professionals in schools. The Board Chair said that they were happy to share the District’s new mental health framework, and the advocacy work of the Board, including a new ad-hoc Mental Health Committee. She advised that the Mental Health Committee will be providing more detailed information on the funding needs of the District and are looking forward to further discussions.

The Board Chair congratulated M.E. LaZerte High School for receiving a Good Neighbours Award at WE Day on October 12, 2018. She explained that M.E. LaZerte High School was chosen out of more than 250 schools from across Alberta in recognition of their excellence in leadership and community building. Some of the school’s projects included:

- A Global Citizens Fair, which had approximately 50 booths of students demonstrating cultural activities, skills and food before the Taste of LaZerte.
- Helping Hampers and We Scare Hunger events.

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- The Green Team who created the Mobile Environmental Lab (MEL), which is an environmental lab on wheels that they hope to turn into a learning centre for younger students. The Board Chair thanked everyone involved in this inspiring work.

The Board Chair advised that she would be joining Trustee Estabrooks on the negotiating committee for CUPE Local 3550 – Support Staff and thanked Trustee Ip for his previous participation. The Board Chair emphasized how valuable Support Staff are to the District.

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

The Superintendent advised that Provincial Achievement Test results were released on October 18, 2018. He explained that there were many positive results, including the fact that District graduation rates continue to remain steady with over 80 per cent of high school students graduating in the five-year time frame. The Superintendent said the results also showed areas for growth and that they help to inform teaching practices and intervention strategies, so that all District students are set up for success.

The Superintendent advised that he will be attending the Career Pathways Symposium where there will be an opportunity to engage with stakeholders – parents, staff, community and industry partners-to collectively set the direction of Career Pathways for the next four years.

The Superintendent advised that he participated in the New Teacher Induction Ceremony along with Vice-Chair Stirling and celebrated the new teachers coming into the District. The Superintendent thanked the Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 of the Alberta Teachers' Association for inviting them.

### **F. Receipt of Oaths of Office – Student Trustees Elect**

Oaths of Office were received from:

- Hussain Alhussainy – Queen Elizabeth
- Michael Chen – Ross Sheppard
- Cindy Liu – Old Scona

### **F. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #02 – October 9, 2018

**MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #02 held October 9, 2018, be approved as printed.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

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The Board of Trustees heard from Ms Beth Andrew and Ms Susan Petrina of The Solar Energy Society of Alberta.

### **H. Reports**

2. Report #07 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held October 9, 2018)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the October 9, 2018, Caucus Committee meeting.

3. Student Senate 2018-19 Work Plan

The Student Senate presented their work plan for the 2018-2019 school year. Student Trustee Liu advised that the Student Trustees will be attending the February 9, 2019, Board meeting to provide an update to the Board of Trustees.

4. Westlawn Consolidation Project – Closure of Afton, Glendale, Sherwood and Westlawn Schools

### **MOVED BY Trustee Ip:**

**“1. That the Board approve a motion to close Afton School, effective on the last operational day prior to the opening of the new schools.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That the Board approve a motion to close Glendale School, effective on the last operational day prior to the opening of the new schools.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“3. That the Board approve a motion to close Sherwood School, effective on the last operational day prior to the opening of the new schools.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“4. That the Board approve a motion to close Westlawn School, effective on the last operational day prior to the opening of the new schools.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

There was a short break in the meeting.

5. Strategic Plan Update – Student Wellness and Citizenship

The Board of Trustees received an overview regarding the efforts being made in support of Priority 2, Goal One: A Focus on Well-Being and Student Citizenship.

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

Trustee Adams reported on the following activities:

October 11, 2018, Trustee Adams attended the Policy Review Committee meeting. The committee discussed their work plan for the coming term. She thanked Marnie Beaudoin, Marlene Hanson, Karen Mills and Nancy Petersen for the expertise they bring to the committee.

October 11, 2018, Trustee Adams attended the J. Percy Page Awards Night and said that it was a pleasure to bring a message of congratulations to approximately 300 student award recipients and to present the Governor General's bronze medal award to Matthew Zita. She explained that this award is one of the most prestigious awards that a student in a Canadian school can receive.

October 12, 2018, Trustees Adams attended the Millwoods Early Childhood Coalition (MWECC) meeting where they discussed the logistics of the two events (morning and evening) that will take place at Ekota School on Thursday, October 25, 2018. She explained that parents and community members in the neighborhoods of Ekota, Menisa, Sakaw, Satoo, and Meyokumin are invited to discuss how their children are doing and what might help them be more successful. Trustee Adams is looking forward to hearing from the participants and further discussing these results with the MWECC.

October 16, 2018, Trustee Adams attended the Svend Hansen School Council meeting and thanked them for the opportunity to attend and address the School Council last week. Trustee Adams congratulated Principal Ron Thompson and the parents of the council for the great team work and their commitment to serve the school. She said that the council is very excited about the grand opening of their playground which will be the first Park and Play playground in Alberta. She explained that the playground was paid for by a grant from the provincial government and a donation from the Rotary Club. Trustee Adams advised that the grand opening scheduled for October 16, 2018, was postponed due to inclement weather that delayed completion. Trustee Adams said they are still hopeful that the playground will be completed and opened this fall.

Trustee Dunn reported that it was a pleasure to meet so many parents at the Ross Sheppard High School Council meeting and that many parents expressed a desire to hear from the Board of Trustees through the new features of the District's SchoolZone.

Trustee Ip welcomed Mr. Graham Metzger to his new role as the Director for the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation. Trustee Ip thanked the many schools who welcomed him during Read-In week and said that he had the pleasure of visiting and reading to students at the following schools:

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Constable Daniel Woodall  
Donald R. Getty  
Dovercourt  
Dr. Lila Fahlman  
Esther Starkman  
George P. Nicholson  
Johnny Bright  
Keheewin  
Roberta MacAdams

Trustee Stirling reported that she brought greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the launch on October 10, 2018, of the new partnership with the Building Trades of Alberta that will provide a new Edmonton Public Schools Campus site for steel trades. She explained that while the District has offered this program for a couple of years, the new partnership opens up new learning opportunities and resources for students across the city in this great Career Pathways option for students interested in the skilled trades.

Trustee Stirling thanked the Millwoods Christian School for welcoming her at their awards celebration and expressed that it is always a pleasure to celebrate District students and their achievements.

Trustee Stirling reported that on October 15, 2018, she participated in the event co-hosted by the City of Edmonton and University of Alberta, Creating Safe Spaces for Women and Girls, and appreciated the opportunity to engage in conversations about how to ensure schools and communities are safe places for girls and women.

Trustee Stirling advised that she had the opportunity along with Trustee Janz to attend the Aga Khan Garden inauguration with the University of Alberta. She explained that the new garden offers an important space for intercultural learning in the community, and thanked the University of Alberta for including them in this historic event.

Trustee Stirling reported that she had the pleasure of bringing greetings and participating in the New Teacher Induction Ceremony along with the Superintendent and Trustee Adams. She said that it was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic new teachers making their first steps into the teaching profession.

Trustee Stirling reported that she attended the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) breakfast on October 22, 2018. She said that LEAF offers education on law, legal issues and consent and that it was wonderful to have a chance to connect with them and discuss how the District's work aligns as partners in education.

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### **J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Dunn requested the following information on behalf of the Mental Health Committee. Given the District school population and statistics about mental illness in children:

- How many District students are like to have a mental illness at any given time?
- How many District students may not meet the criteria for mental illness but may benefit from mental health supports in schools?
- What is an estimate of the ideal number of in-school mental health support positions needed to meet the needs of students with mental illness and/or mental health concerns?
- If the District were to receive additional funding for mental health supports, provide the potential areas of greatest needs to target if funding were providing in steps?

Trustee Dunn requested that the responses be sent to the Mental Health Committee.

Trustee Estabrooks requested the following information:

- What is currently in place to deal with drug overdoses in our schools?
- How are staff within Edmonton public high schools educating students about the risk of overdosing on drugs?
- What is the potential cost of providing as well as training staff to use a naloxone kit?
- What are the potential benefits as well as drawbacks of having one-two people trained in each Edmonton Public high school on how to administer naloxone?
- What other school districts in Alberta supply naloxone kits and what protocols do they have in place guiding administration of naloxone?

### **K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Johner served notice that she will make a motion that the Edmonton Public School Board seek the support of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and provincial government officials to amend the law to allow citizens to vote for both Public and Catholic School Trustees during Municipal elections.

**L. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.**

**M. Adjournment: 4:45 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