

DATE: October 9, 2018

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Bridget Stirling, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #6 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held September 25, 2018)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

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 September 25, 2018, Caucus Committee meeting:

That the Memorandum of Agreement for a three-year collective agreement with CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2020, be approved.

BACKGROUND

On June 19, 2018, after meetings dating back to October 2017, the Administration and CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff) signed an MOA to conclude a new collective agreement. Trustees Adams and Estabrooks represented the Board of Trustees during these negotiations.

That the recommendation for the signing of a third five-year agreement between the Edmonton Public School Board and the Confucius Institute Headquarters of China, in regards to the Confucius Institute of Edmonton, be approved.

BACKGROUND

This year is the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton, established under an agreement between the Edmonton Public School Board and Hanban. The Confucius Institute in Edmonton (CIE) was originally established in 2008 under a five-year agreement signed by the District and Hanban in December 2007. The agreement was renewed for a second term at the end of that original agreement, and the recommendation above was approved at the September 25, 2018, Caucus meeting.

General terms of the new contract remain unchanged from the original agreement, with only minor edits made to increase clarity. Complexities created by distance, the requirement to negotiate in two languages and moving into summer recess made the approval of an agreement in a timely manner challenging. Given the foregoing, a recommendation to extend the agreement was presented in Caucus as it was a time sensitive issue.

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