

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #13**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 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
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Karen Mills

Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Nancy Petersen
Darrel Robertson

Carrie Rosa
Mike Suderman

Board Chair: Trisha Estabrooks

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.

A. Roll Call: 2:00 p.m.

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

B. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

**“That the agenda for the March 31, 2020, Board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

C. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair expressed that a lot has happened since the last Board meeting and said this is a time of great uncertainty with many challenges and changes. She remarked that it is also a time to take care of those around you and yourself. The Board Chair said that it is a time to reach out for support if you need it. Schools are communities and it is encouraging and hopeful to see the ways in which the Division’s school communities are coming together and supporting each

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other. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, she thanked the Superintendent, Administration and staff for their hard work and dedication to students and families during this time. The Board Chair acknowledged that many students are missing being at school, and that many staff are also missing seeing their students. This week, the Division launched a new way of learning at Edmonton Public Schools. This new method of teaching and learning will require everyone to be patient and open to a new way of doing things, at least for the time being.

The Board Chair advised that on the weekend, the Government of Alberta announced changes to funding for Kindergarten- Grade 12 education. She expressed these changes significantly impacts the Division's ability to support students in a new way of learning. She said the Board of Trustees are concerned about these changes and the impact this decision will have on staff, staffs' families and students. The Board Chair stated every staff member plays a critical role in delivering a great educational experience both face-to face and in this new world of distance learning. She remarked that the Division wants to do everything possible to fight against COVID19, but cutting jobs at this time is not the answer.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent thanked staff, parents and students across the Division for their support and understanding as everyone adjusts to a new of way of teaching and learning.

The Superintendent referenced the recent reduction in funding by the Government of Alberta and said that all staff very valued.

E. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #12 – March 10, 2020

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

"That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held March 10, 2020, be approved as printed."

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no submissions from registered speakers for this item.

G. Reports

2. Process and Timeline for the 2020-2021 Budget, for the Fall Review of the 2019-2020 Results and Plans for 2020-2021

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

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**“1. That the Process and Timeline for the 2020-2021 Spring Budget and the 2020-2021 Fall Budget Amendment, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That the Process and Timeline for the Review of the 2019-2020 Results and the 2020-2021 Plan, as outlined in the report be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

3. Locally Developed Courses

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the following Locally Develop Courses be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools until August 31, 2024:

- American Sign Language and Deaf Culture Nine-year (9Y)
- Arabic Language and Culture Six-year (6Y)
- Calculus (Advanced) 35 (5)
- Capstone 25-35 (3 and 5)
- Dance Performance 15-25-35 (3 and 5)
- Directing 25-35 (5)
- French as a Second Language Grade 1 to Grade 9
- French Language Arts Late Immersion 7-8
- Guitar 7-8-9 (Semester and Trimester)
- Improvisational Theatre 15-25-35 (3 and 5)
- Punjabi Language and Culture Six-year (6Y)”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Transportation Fees for Low Income Families
(Response to Request for Information #059)

Information was provided regarding Request for Information #059.

H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Draper acknowledged the great work of Mr. Jerry MacLachlan of Belmont Sobeys who mobilized community groups and businesses with a new initiative called *Heroes for Hunger* and collected matching funds totaling \$10,000 to support families in need during these challenging times.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

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Trustee Draper stated the she has been receiving many questions and concerns asking about the changes to Program Unit Funding (PUF) and requested that Administration provide the Board of Trustees with the impacts to the Division due to the changes to PUF.

- J. **Notices of Motion** - None
- K. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
- L. **Adjournment:** 3:15 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations