

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #04**

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers and via Zoom on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 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
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Nancy Petersen

Kent Pharis
Darrel Robertson
Carrie Rosa
Liz Yule

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.

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.

A. **O Canada** 

B. **Roll Call:** (2:05 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

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**“That the agenda for the October 20, 2020, Board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair acknowledged that the fall session of the Legislature begins today and said that the Division is looking forward to continuing to work with this government and sharing with Minister LaGrange the financial reality of supporting students and keeping classrooms safe during a pandemic.

The Board Chair said there are many students, staff and families who have been affected by the pandemic — whether directly by testing positive or having a family member test positive for COVID-19 or being told to isolate at home for two weeks. The Board Chair remarked that the effect of this pandemic on students and families is far reaching and that she appreciates all the work staff in Division schools are doing to support students during this challenging time.

The Board Chair thanked families who indicated which learning option they would like their child to take for Quarter 2. The Board Chair recognized it is challenging for staff to accommodate parent choice for online or in-person learning, and said she believes offering choice is the strength of Edmonton Public Schools re-entry plan and speaks to how this Division is stepping up to support families.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent thanked students and families for letting the Division know their choice of in-person or online learning for Quarter 2. He shared that just over 32,000 students have selected online learning for Quarter 2, which is an increase of about 3,600 students from Quarter 1. The Superintendent said that family choice is a central pillar of the Division’s re-entry plan and that the Division is glad that it can extend the options for students in these challenging times.

The Superintendent congratulated the 2020 Division Student Award recipients. He explained that every year the Division recognizes outstanding student accomplishments, contributions and achievements. The Superintendent shared that the Division has six categories for students who were in Grade 12 during the 2019-2020 school year. The six categories are:

- Academic Excellence
- Career and Life Pathways
- Fine Arts
- Health and Wellness
- Humanities
- Math/Science/Technologies

The Superintendent advised that this year, 117 Grade 12 students from 21 different high schools are being recognized.

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1. Board Meeting #03 – October 6, 2020

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #03 held October 6, 2020, 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

3. Report #19 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held October 6, 2020)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the October 6, 2020, Caucus Committee meeting.

4. Policy Review Committee 2020-2021 Work Plan

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling

“That the Policy Review Committee 2020-2021 work plan be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. **Amendment to the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2021–2024***

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the following proposed amendments to the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2021–2024* be approved:

Amend the aggregated priorities as follows:

1. **Remove Priority 1 Meadows High School 10–12 – Phase I**
2. **Amend Priority 21 Two High School Additions – Phase II capacity 1,200**

Amend the new construction priorities as follows:

1. **Remove Priority 1 Meadows High School 10–12 – Phase I**
2. **Amend Priority 10 Two High School Additions – Phase II capacity 1,200**

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Adams said that she appreciates that Board Chairs from several divisions are communicating and collaborating. Trustee Adams reported that she participated in READ IN and that online teachers are doing an amazing job.

Trustee Adams submitted the following Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 report in writing:

ASBA Zone 2/3 is looking at changing their meetings to a location with better technical capacity and is working out possible arrangements with the Centre for Education. Trustee Adams reports that meetings will vary between being in person and virtual. The Fall General Meeting (FGM) will be held virtually on November 16, 2020. Any emergent policies had to have been submitted by October 12, 2020.

Trustee Draper reported that the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation recently had their Annual General Meeting. She thanked the outgoing Chair, Louise Hayes. As Trustee representative for the Foundation, Trustee Draper is looking forward to working with incoming Chair Linda Miller. Trustee Draper share that the Foundation is looking forward to the joint meeting with the Board of Trustees in December 2020.

Trustee Janz advised that he recently made a presentation the City Hall School and participated virtually in READ IN week. He thanked the teachers and students for their engagement.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Janz requested that the Administration provide a Quarter 1 COVID-19 impact report for the Division related to: absences, isolations, and number of affected schools per quarter.

K. Notices of Motion - None

L. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: 3:10 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations