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Board Meeting #01

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams	Trisha Estabrooks	Michael Janz
Shelagh Dunn	Ken Gibson	Bridget Stirling
Michelle Draper	Nathan Ip	

Officials

Angela Anderson	Karen Mills	Kent Pharis
Grace Cooke	Leona Morrison	Darrel Robertson
Todd Burnstad	Kathy Muhlethaler	Carrie Rosa
Ron MacNeil	Nancy Petersen	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: (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

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"That the agenda for the September 8, 2020, Board meeting be approved as printed." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair welcomed everyone back whether online or in person. She thanked staff who worked all summer and especially in the last two weeks to ensure that students and staff are returning to a safe environment. She explained that schools are hubs of the communities and the last six months have been really tough on families and children in Edmonton. The Board Chair said that although there is still a lot of uncertainty about what this year will bring, she believes there is also hope for this coming school year.

The Board Chair confirmed that Edmonton Public School's re-entry plan is solid and the Board is proud of our Division's efforts to ensure that students and staff are returning to school in as safe as possible conditions. She thanked staff who are currently working in Division schools saying that staff are the next wave of frontline workers and that the Board of Trustees appreciates all that is being done to support students and families during this challenging time.

The Board Chair thanked parents who have reached out to their elected Trustee with questions and concerns. She remarked that it is because of them that this Board has been so vocal to the provincial government to step up and provide funding for re-entry. The Board Chair reported that the province provided $10 million for school re-entry for all school divisions across Alberta. The Board Chair thanked the federal government for stepping up and providing funding to school jurisdictions across this country and reported that Edmonton Public Schools will receive approximately $37 million which will help address some of the Division's COVID 19 needs, but certainly not all.

The Board Chair reported that on Friday, September 4, 2020, she and Superintendent Robertson announced an alternative model for the school resource officer program in the Edmonton Public School Division. She explained the model is the result of the hard work of staff, working with Edmonton Police Service over the summer. The Board Chair thanked Edmonton Police Service for working collaboratively with the Division and Division staff to come up with this new model for 2020-2021 school year. She also thanked the many people who throughout the summer continued to reach out to her and the rest of the Board to share their perspectives on the role police should play in Division schools.

The Board Chair advised that the new model has been endorsed by the Board of Trustees and because of that endorsement and because this new model was brought forward by Superintendent Robertson, she was withdrawing her notice of motion to reconsider the vote on suspending the School Resource Officer (SRO) program scheduled for today's meeting. The Board Chair remarked that the conversation about SROs and police in Edmonton Public Schools is not over and that the Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring an independent review of the program gets underway shortly.

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The Board Chair shared that the Board of Trustees was saddened to hear of former City Councillor Bryan Anderson's passing on Friday. She advised that Mr. Anderson served as a City Councillor for many years and was well loved by staff, students and athletes within the Division during his time with Edmonton Public Schools.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent thanked staff, students and parents for their ability to keep connected during these times and for all that has been done in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year. He reminded students and parents to continue to reach out to their principals should they have any questions.

The Superintendent acknowledged the passing of former Edmonton Public Schools superintendent Emery Dosdall.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #18– June 23, 2020

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

"That the minutes of Board Meeting #18 held June 23, 2020, be approved as printed."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

2. Organizational Board – June 23, 2020

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

"That the minutes of the Organizational Board meeting held June 23, 2020, be approved as printed."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

3. Special Board Meeting – June 30, 2020

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

"That the minutes of the Special Board meeting held June 30, 2020, be approved as printed."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board of Trustees heard from one registered speaker for this item.

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4. Actions Taken under Delegation of Authority – 2020 Summer Recess

The Superintendent reported that no actions were taken under the delegation of authority during the 2020 summer recess.

6. Ward Boundary Bylaw Amendment

MOVED BY Trustee Adams

"1. That Bylaw No. 2020-2 be introduced."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

"2. That, in accordance with Section 76 of the *Education Act*, Bylaw No. 2020-2 be read for the first time."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

"3. That, in accordance with Section 76 of the *Education Act*, Bylaw No. 2020-2 be read for the second time.
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

"4. Read that, in accordance with Section 76 of the Education Act, Bylaw No. 2020-2 for the third time."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Motion re: Renaming of Dan Knott and Oliver Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

"That the Division rename Dan Knott and Oliver Schools following a process where it seeks input from the community, following a process similar to the naming of new schools."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Janz confirmed that the Trustees and Recording Secretary received information he sent via email regarding a petition to rename Dan Knott School.

Trustee Stirling requested that background checks be completed for all potential school namesakes being considered.

There was a short break in the meeting.

8. School Resources Officer (SRO) Model
(Response to Request for Information #075)

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Superintendent Nicole Chapdelaine and Acting Staff Sergeant Emuel Chan from Edmonton Police Service were present via Zoom for this report.

- A discussion about the SRO model was conducted.

The Superintendent suggested questions could be added to the Division's Feedback Survey to capture student, parent and staff experiences. He also stated that robust community conversations with students, parents and community are essential in creating the best solution for the Division.

Trustees Draper and Janz left the meeting.

9. 2019-2020 Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation Summary

Information was provided regarding the 2019-2020 Superintendent of Schools' evaluation.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports - None

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Estabrooks said that on August 25, 2020, the Federal government announced $2 billion dollars to support schools across the country with re-entry during a global pandemic. Alberta's share is $262.8 million, with $37.4 million being directed to support Edmonton Public Schools and asked that Administration outline how these funds will be distributed to support student learning and the health and safety of students and staff during COVID-19.

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Estabrooks served notice of motion on behalf on the entire Board:
Given that collecting race-based data is one necessary step in working to dismantle systemic racism and racial discrimination, the Edmonton Public School Board formally requests that Administration develop a model for the collection of race-based data in our Division, in consultation with communities in Edmonton impacted by racism.

L. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at: 2:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: 5:30 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and Superintendent Relations

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