

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #08**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held in the Centre for Education, McCauley Chambers on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Trisha Estabrooks
Dawn Hancock
Marcia Hole

Nathan Ip
Julie Kusiek
Marsha Nelson

Sherri O'Keefe
Jan Sawyer
Saadiq Sumar

Officials

Angela Anderson
Todd Burnstad
Grace Cooke
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Kent Pharis

Nancy Petersen
Darrel Robertson
Carrie Rosa
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Trisha Estabrooks

Recording Secretary: Catherine Angeles

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. O Canada

B. Roll Call: 2 p.m.

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Hole:

**"That the agenda for the March 22, 2022, Board meeting be approved as printed."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair wished a belated and happy Holi to all those who celebrated the Hindu day of significance last week. She learned more about Holi thanks in part to the beautiful, colourful photos that were shared with her via social media, and also through the Division's interfaith calendar. Holi is an incident Hindu festival also known as the Festival of Spring or the Festival of Colours.

The Board Chair shared that she attended many school council meetings in the last two weeks and the communication coming from the Division school leaders to the Division school communities about the changes happening as a result of loosened COVID restrictions has been clear and kind. She thanked the staff in the Division for leading this work. She thanked the parents and staff who continue to navigate the pandemic and support each other and their school communities.

The Board Chair spoke about the Provincial announcement of increased funding to support charter schools. She said as advocates of public education, who she has the honor to serve with on this Board of Trustees, they believe public dollars belong in public education - a system that is truly accessible for everyone.

The Board Chair noted that yesterday was the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day to remember that while some progress has been made, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, racialized communities and religious minorities continue to face racism and discrimination daily. And while the Division has taken steps to address racial discrimination in Division schools, all of us recognize more must be done.

The Board Chair said next week is spring break for the Division. On behalf of the Board, she wished everyone a safe, restful break.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent reminded everyone that pre-enrolment for 2022-2023 school year is open until April 14. Families can check SchoolZone, the Division's website or talk to their child's current school to find out more information. He encouraged everyone to get pre-enrolled, as it helps the Division a great deal with planning to welcome students in September.

The Superintendent also wished all the staff, students and families a safe and energizing spring break.

The Superintendent welcomed members of the Superintendent's Community of Practice in Education (SCOPE), Principal Cathy Taylor and Principal Larry Payne, as online attendees to the Board meeting.

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1. Board Meeting #07 – March 8, 2022

MOVED BY Trustee Kusiek:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #07 held March 8, 2022, be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

There was a short break in the meeting.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

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

H. Reports

2. Report #05 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held March 8, 2022)

Information was provided regarding actions taken at the March 8, 2022, Caucus Committee meeting.

3. Process and Timeline for the 2022-2023 Budget and for the Fall Review of the 2021-2022 Results and the Plans for 2022-2023

MOVED BY Trustee Nelson:

**“That the Process and Timeline for the 2022-2023 Budget as outlined in Attachment I, be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2023-2032

MOVED BY Trustee O'Keefe:

**“That the Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2023-2032 be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

There was a short break in the meeting.

5. Three-Year Capital Plan 2023-2026

MOVED BY Trustee Sumar:

“That the Three-Year Capital Plan 2023-2026 be approved for submission to the Provincial Government.”

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MOVED BY Vice-Chair Ip that the motion be amended:

"That the Three-Year Capital Plan 2023-2026 Attachment I be amended to move Glenridding Heights K-6 Priority 5, Year 1 to Priority 2, Year 1 and shift Rosenthal K-6, McConachie 7-9 and Edgemont K-9 down one priority level."

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Ip and Sawyer

OPPOSED: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Hole, Kusiek, Nelson, O'Keefe and Sumar
(DEFEATED)

MOVED BY Vice-Chair Ip:

"That the Board meeting be extended beyond 6 p.m."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The Board Chair called the question on the original motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Hole, Kusiek, Nelson, O'Keefe, Sumar and Sawyer

OPPOSED: Trustee Ip
(CARRIED)

7. Update on Providing Free Menstrual Products in Division Schools

MOVED BY Board Chair Estabrooks:

"That agenda Item 7 be deferred to the April 5 Board meeting."

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Hole, Ip, Kusiek, Nelson, O'Keefe and Sawyer

OPPOSED: Trustee Sumar
(CARRIED)

6. CI.BP: COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Trustees be Suspended

MOVED BY Trustee Sawyer:

"That policy CI.BP: COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Trustees be suspended."

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Ip, Kusiek, Nelson, O'Keefe and Sawyer

OPPOSED: Trustees Hole and Sumar
(CARRIED)

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Vice-Chair Ip advised that due to time required by his other commitments he is stepping down from his position as the Board's representative on the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta Executive Committee.

Board Chair Estabrooks thanked Vice-Chair Ip for his service. On behalf of the Board, she thanked Vice-Chair Ip for the time he committed to the role.

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Board Chair Estabrooks stated that nominations would be taken at the April 5 meeting for the role of Board's representative on the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta Executive Committee.

Trustee Kusiek highlighted some of the great work being done at schools in Ward F. She thanked Principal LeCaine for inviting her to congratulate Edwin Parr finalist Christine Bajzar in person at Sweet Grass School.

Trustee Kusiek advised she attended the Rideau Park School Council meeting, where she learned all about the special school event, Fasching. For the celebration, donuts are filled with either jelly or mustard filling. Students who are surprised with a mustard filling go to the office for a prize. She hopes to be able to participate next year.

Trustee Kusiek shared that now is also a time of transition in our schools when it comes to COVID. Westbrook School is rising to the occasion with "kindness champions." Students are nominated by their teachers for demonstrating kindness and students are enthusiastically embracing this challenge.

Trustee Kusiek advised that she was looking forward to attending the L.Y. Cairns and Vernon Barford School Council meetings. She also stated that she and Trustee Ip have rescheduled the Transportation Forum to April 21 at 7 pm. She invited interested individuals to RSVP via her website at www.juliekusiek.ca.

J. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** - None

K. **Notices of Motion** - None

L. **Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 2 p.m.**

M. **Adjournment: 6:27 p.m.**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations