

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #02**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 2:00 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: Karen Mills

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: (2:07 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Kusiek:

**"That the agenda for the November 30, 2021, Board meeting be approved as printed."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair shared that children under the age of 12 could now be vaccinated against COVID-19. She said that her hope was that by vaccinating our entire school age population we could slowly return

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to many of the activities and events in our schools that our student, staff, parents and volunteers have missed.

The Board Chair congratulated the new President of the Alberta School Boards Association, Marilyn Dennis, and thanked outgoing President Lorrie Jess for her work in supporting school boards in this province. She also congratulated the new President of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, Dennis McNeil, and expressed gratitude to outgoing president Cathie Hogg. The Board Chair advised that at the recent Fall General Meeting of ASBA she was pleased to see support for two position statements put forward by the Board of Trustees. The first was a motion around advocating for accessible, affordable and reliable internet connection. The second called for revising and delaying implementation of the draft curriculum. More than 85 per cent of boards supported this emergent position statement.

The Board Chair advised that Trans Awareness week was held earlier this month. The week was a time to celebrate and honour the trans community and raise awareness about the continued adversity many in the trans community face. She also advised she participated in the Alberta GSA conference last week. She provided a big congratulations to organizers who created a great online conference for participants.

The Board Chair sent Happy Hanukkah greetings out to those in the Jewish community. She said that two days ago marked the beginning of an eight-day celebration of light. Hanukkah is a special time of year for those of the Jewish faith, bringing warmth during the darkest month of the year.

The Board Chair thanked everyone who participated in this year's Results Review. She said the Results Reviews were an opportunity for Trustees to learn about the amazing work happening in our Division and ensure the strategic plan as laid out by the Board was coming to life in our schools and in our classrooms. She thanked staff for the hard work that went into the Results Reviews. She also thanked the parent councils and students who participated.

The Board Chair thanked her colleagues on the Board. She said it had been an incredibly busy start to their term and they had all risen to the challenge of beginning this journey of service to kids and their families. She thanked the Board for approaching the new term and the new job with such passion.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent congratulated staff member, Ida Beltran-Lucila, who was named a Top 25 Canadian Immigrant award winner. The awards program recognized inspirational immigrants who have made a positive impact on their communities since arriving in Canada.

The Superintendent welcomed Principal Michailides and Principal Payne. They are members of the Superintendent Community of Practice and Education (SCOPE) Committee.

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The Superintendent congratulated Division teacher Nicole Beart, who was awarded the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, Certificate of Achievement for 2021. Nicole was recognized for her work in literacy, her founding of the first school-based medical clinic in Canada, and her success in mobilizing the community around the issue of poverty.

The Superintendent invited and responded to Trustee questions about the impact of COVID-19 on the division.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #01 – November 9, 2021

MOVED BY Trustee Sumar:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #01 held November 9, 2021, be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

**“That the 20-minute time allotted for registered speakers be extended to 75 minutes for the Board meeting.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The Board of Trustees heard from 22 registered speakers in the first portion of Agenda Item G and one speaker at 5 p.m

There was a short break in the meeting.

H. Reports

2. Student Senate 2021-2022 Work Plan

Student Trustees Ryan Fang, Angelina Raina and Jasmine Virk presented the 2021-2022 Student Senate Work Plan.

3. 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements

MOVED BY Vice-Chair Ip:

**“That the 2020-2021 audited financial statements, notes to the financial statements and unaudited schedules be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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4. Annual Education Results Report (2020-2021)

MOVED BY Trustee Sawyer:

“That the Edmonton Public Schools’ Annual Education Results Report (2020-2021) be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

There was a short break in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the Board meeting be extended beyond 6 p.m..”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

5. Multi-faith Calendar

Information was provided regarding implementing the Multi-faith Calendar.

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the agenda items 7 and 8 be deferred to the December 14 Board meeting.”

7. Funds for the 2022-2023 Professional Improvement Program – Teacher Certificated Staff

8. Funds for the 2022-2023 Exempt Staff Professional Improvement Program

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

MOVED BY Trustee Kusiek:

“That the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar (Attachment I) be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Sumar that the motion be amended:

“That the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar be amended to move the May 19, 2023 PD day to June 21, 2023.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Sumar:

“That the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar be approved as amended.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Ip, Kusiek, Nelson, O’Keefe, Sawyer, Sumar

OPPOSED: Trustee Hole

(CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Kusiek:

“That the Edmonton Public Schools Board of Trustees affirm advocacy for:

- anti-racism to be embedded within the K-6 curriculum
- environmental and climate change literacy and competencies to be embedded within the K-6 curriculum
- a delay in implementing the proposed K-6 curriculum, to be preceded by two years of piloting and field testing
- piloting to begin only after the current reviewed and rewritten where necessary, using the advice and feedback of current teachers, curriculum and subject-area experts, Indigenous leaders, francophone leaders and parents
- transparency in the feedback received by the government and how that feedback was incorporated into the revised draft; specifically, how the feedback of teachers, curriculum and subject-area experts, parents, Indigenous leaders, francophone leaders and other key stakeholders such as employers were incorporated
- phased implementation beginning no earlier than September 2024

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)10. COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Trustees

MOVED BY Trustee Hole:

“That the Board of Trustees adopt a COVID-19 vaccination policy for Trustees based on the Division’s Administrative Regulation CIA.AR: COVID-19 Vaccinations, and that this work be delegated to the Policy Review Committee for immediate action.”**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Sumar stated he wanted to highlight some of the good work done in the Division. He shared that a student from W. P. Wagner School, Roshni Dwivedi, was awarded the Vimy Pilgrimage Award, which recognizes the actions of young people who are dedicated to the betterment of society.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - NoneK. Notices of Motion - NoneL. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.M. Adjournment: 7:54 p.m.

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The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations