

**DATE:** October 21, 2014

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Sarah Hoffman, Acting Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #3 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held October 7, 2014)

**ORIGINATOR:** Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director Governance and Strategic Support Services

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook – Caucus Committee](#) Section 5.4  
[School Act](#) Section 61

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**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Report #3 of the Caucus Committee from the meeting held October 7, 2014 be received and considered.**
- 2. That the appointment of Trustee Michelle Draper to serve as the Board's representative on the Mayor's Task Force to Eliminate Poverty in Edmonton Education Working Group be confirmed.**
- 3. That the approval of the following Infrastructure Committee key activities be confirmed:**
  - a) Infrastructure Committee members will be participants at a key stakeholder forum exploring alternate school funding and construction opportunities. The forum is being planned and hosted by the District's Planning Department and will be held in early winter. Participants in the forum will include Administration and elected officials representing provincial and municipal governments and Edmonton Public Schools, as well as interested community developers and builders. As more details around the forum are finalized, the Committee will keep Trustees informed, including an invitation to participate for those who wish to attend.**
  - b) Infrastructure Committee members will work, in collaboration with Planning Department staff, on the development of a Board of Trustees' advocacy plan to support the District's Infrastructure Strategy. The key themes of the advocacy plan will be focused around:**
    - new school construction**
    - aging infrastructure**
    - challenges in mature neighborhoods**
    - sustainable, predictable capital funding for school Districts**

**The intention is to ensure Edmonton Public's infrastructure needs and strategic direction are clearly communicated in a manner that results in the District receiving equitable support when initiatives are funded by the Province.**

- c) **Infrastructure Committee members will review the City of Edmonton’s Infill Road Map document and discuss potential implications for mature neighbourhoods. The Committee’s findings from this review will be reported back to the Board.**
- d) **Infrastructure Committee members will actively engage in conversations that explore new ways of funding and constructing schools. Any potential opportunities that arise from these exploratory conversations will be brought forward to the Board for discussion and support.**
- e) **An Infrastructure Committee member will explore the concept of a neighbourhood association fee with key developer stakeholders. The results of this exploration will be brought back to the Infrastructure Committee for review and further consideration.**

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