

**MINUTE BOOK****Organizational Board Meeting**

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:****Trustees**

Orville Chubb  
Michelle Draper  
Ken Gibson

Nathan Ip  
Michael Janz  
Cheryl Johner

Ray Martin  
Bridget Stirling

**Officials**

Angela Anderson  
Grace Cooke  
Ron MacNeil

Lorne Parker  
Darrel Robertson  
Sandra Stoddard

Mike Suderman

**Board Chair:** Michael Janz

**Recording Secretary:** Shirley Juneau

**Staff Group Representatives**

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President

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 firm 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.

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B. **Roll Call:** (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present including Student Trustee Elects Jacob Dunn, Molly French and Andrew Li.

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### **C. Approval of the Agenda**

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the agenda for the October 4, 2016 organizational board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **D. Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair shared that the theme of this year’s Read-In Week, which runs from October 3rd to 7th, is *One World – Many Voices*. He expressed that reading is a treasure that everyone can enjoy at any stage in life.

Read-In is a remarkable success story, thanks to the support of the District’s many partners, community and generous sponsors. This annual week-long celebration, which is now in its 27th year, has expanded partner involvement, renewed interest and focus on the joy of reading within the entire Edmonton Community.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Board Chair invited all Edmontonians to participate in Read-In 2016.

The Board Chair advised that October 2nd was Custodial Workers Recognition Day. The District appreciates and values the members of CUPE Local 474, Custodial staff, who ensure that the District’s buildings are comfortable, clean and safe for the students and staff and recognized the contributions Custodial staff make in supporting teaching and learning in the classroom.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, he thanked all members of CUPE Local 474.

The Board Chair noted that October 5<sup>th</sup> is World Teachers’ Day, a day set aside by the world community to celebrate teachers. The District also appreciates and values the Edmonton Public Teachers and recognizes the central role they play in nurturing and guiding infants, children, youth and adults through the life-long learning process.

The Board Chair advised that in recognition of World Teachers’ Day, the Board of Trustees and the Administration will be placing ads in local and provincial newspapers.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Board Chair thanked all staff members.

### **E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent congratulated the District’s newly elected Student Trustees – Jacob Dunn from Harry Ainlay, Molly French from McNally and Andrew Li from Old Strathcona who were elected on Friday, September 9, 2016 at the Edmonton Public Schools Student Senate meeting. He advised that on a rotational basis, the Student Trustees will represent the Student Senate and their peers at three Board meetings throughout the year. He advised that on behalf of the Student Senate, the Student Trustees will provide the Board of Trustees access to diverse youths’ feedback, across all District high schools, on topics and issues of importance.

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The Superintendent shared that October 4, 2016 marks a historic day for the District as the Student Senate is a first for the District and the first of its kind in the Province.

The Superintendent encouraged everyone to get involved in READ IN week.

The Superintendent advised that on Friday, September 30, 2016, he attended the proclamation Orange Shirt Day at City Hall in remembrance of children and families impacted by residential schools.

The Superintendent advised that on Friday, September 30, 2016 he attended the York School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary marking 50 years of academic excellence.

The Superintendent shared his appreciation for all Custodial staff across the District and acknowledged that they are an important part of the District's staff and are very highly valued.

The Superintendent shared his appreciation and thanked all teachers across the District.

### **F. Receipt of Oaths of Office – Student Trustees**

The Oaths of Office were received.

### **G. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #18 – September 20, 2016

**MOVED BY Trustee Draper:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #18 – September 20, 2016 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

There were no registered speakers for this item.

### **I. Reports**

2. Strategic Plan Update - Student Senate 2016-17 Work Plan

Information was received regarding the Student Senate 2016-17 work plan.

There was a short break in the meeting.

3. Confirmation of Committees, Board Representation and Regular Meetings

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“1. That, the following standing committees of the whole be confirmed:

- Caucus Committee
- Audit Committee

Standing Committees of the Whole:

- a) Board Chair
- b) Board Vice-Chair
- c) Audit Chair

2. Board Committees:

- a) Board and Superintendent of Schools’ Evaluation Committee
- b) District Priorities and Governance Committee
- c) Governance and Evaluation
- d) Infrastructure
- e) Policy Review

3. Negotiations:

- a) Custodial Staff (CUPE Local 474)
- b) Maintenance Staff (CUPE Local 784)
- c) Support Staff – CUPE Local 3550
- d) Teaching Staff

8. That the Board reappoint or review the following positions and committees”

The Board Chair called the question on Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 8.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

1. Standing Committees of the Whole

- a) Board Chair

The Board Chair called for nominations.

Trustee Draper nominated Trustee Janz.

The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, declared himself re-elected by acclamation as Board Chair for the coming year.

- b) Board Vice-Chair

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The Board Chair called for nominations.

Trustee Johner nominated Trustee Draper.

The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, declared Trustee Draper re-elected by acclamation as Board Vice-Chair for the coming year.

c) Audit Chair

The Board Chair called for nominations.

Trustee Draper nominated Trustee Chubb.

The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, declared Trustee Chubb elected by acclamation as Audit Chair for the coming year.

2. Board Committees

a) Board and Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation Committee

The Board Chair advised that the Board and Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation Committee will be amalgamated with the District Priorities and Governance Committee and will be renamed the Governance and Evaluation Committee.

b) District Priorities and Governance Committee

The Board Chair advised that the District Priorities and Governance Committee will be amalgamated with the Board and Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation Committee and will be renamed the Governance and Evaluation Committee.

c) Governance and Evaluation

The Board Chair called for nominations.

Trustee Chubb nominated Trustees Adams, Ip, Gibson, and Stirling.

The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations declared Trustees Gibson, Janz and Stirling as the Board's representatives on the Governance and Evaluation Committee for the coming year.

d) Infrastructure Committee

The Board Chair called for nominations.

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Trustee Stirling nominated Trustees Chubb, Ip and Martin.

The Board Chair advised that Trustees Chubb, Ip and Martin, the current members of the Infrastructure Committee, will continue as committee members until the September 2017 Organizational Board.

e) Policy Review Committee

The Board Chair called for nominations.

Trustee Ip nominated Trustees Gibson, Johner and Stirling.

The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, declared Trustees Gibson, Johner and Stirling as the Board's representatives on the Policy Review Committee for the coming year.

3. Negotiations

a) Custodial Staff (CUPE Local 474)

The Board Chair advised that Trustee representatives are not required at this time as a collective agreement has been negotiated for 2014-2017.

b) Maintenance Staff (CUPE Local 784)

The Board Chair advised that Trustee representatives are not required at this time as a collective agreement has been negotiated for 2014-2107).

c) Support Staff (CUPE Local 3550)

The Board Chair advised that there are currently Trustees assigned to the negotiating committee for 3550 (Support Staff) and that, normally, if negotiations are currently underway the sitting Trustees are affirmed and declared Trustees Adams and Draper as the Board's representatives on the negotiating committee for Support Staff (CUPE Local 3550) for the coming year.

d) Teaching Staff

The Board Chair called for nominations.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustees Draper and Janz.

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The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, declared Trustees Draper and Janz as the Board's representatives on the negotiating committee for Teaching Staff for the coming year.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“6. That, the Board reappoint or review the Ad Hoc Committee and Board Representative Assignments:**

- a) **Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors**
- b) **ELEVATE**
- c) **Early Learning Transition**

**7. That the following dates and times of regular meetings be confirmed:**

- a) **Board: The Board will hold its regular meetings at 2:00 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month when possible, unless otherwise directed by special motion or by the Board Chair.**
- b) **Caucus Committee: Caucus Committee meetings will be held on an as-needed basis at the call of the Caucus Committee Chair. The first Tuesday morning of each month will be reserved for such meetings.”**

The Board Chair called the question on Recommendations 6 and 7.

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6. Ad Hoc Committee and Board Representative Assignments

- a) Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors

The Board Chair called for nominations for a Trustee representative to serve on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors.

Trustee Gibson nominated Trustee Johner.

The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, declared Trustee Johner as the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors.

- b) ELEVATE

The Board Chair advised that the Board affirmed Trustees Adams and Chubb as representatives on the ELEVATE Committee.

- c) Early Learning Transition

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The Board Chair called for nominations.

Trustee Martin nominated Trustee Draper.

The Board Chair, seeing that there were no further nominations, declared Trustee Draper as the Board's representative on the Early Learning Transition Committee for the coming year.

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

- "4. That Board membership and representation on the following external agency be confirmed:**
- Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)**
- Provincial Executive
  - Provincial Executive – Alternate
  - Zone 2/3 Executive
  - Zone 2/3 Executive – Alternate
- 5. That the Board's ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee be comprised of the Board Chair or Board Vice-Chair, the ASBA Provincial Executive Board of Directors representative and the Zone 23 representative be confirmed."**

The Board Chair called the question on Recommendations 4 and 5.

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY DEFEATED.**

**J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Chubb reported that he and Dr. Lorne Parker were honoured to represent Edmonton Public Schools and the District's local Confucius Institute at the Confucius Memorial event in Quzhou China on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He shared that they had an opportunity to tour elementary, middle and high schools as well as have a meeting with the Suzhou Municipal Education Bureau officials. Trustee Chubb noted that the Suzhou Municipal Educational District has over one million students that attend kindergarten to grade 12 in schools dating back to over 1,000 years.

Trustee Draper congratulated the York School for hosting a wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 30, 2016.

Trustee Johner reported that on September 28, 2016, she attended the grand opening and tour of the new Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health Centre (CASA). CASA provides trauma awareness support to children, adolescents, adults and families. She shared that with one in five Albertans experiencing mental illness during their lifetime, the opening of this new facility is



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timely. Trustee Johner congratulated and thanked all who have been integral in seeing this project to fruition.

Trustee Stirling advised that on September 23, 2016, she attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Clara Tyner Elementary School. She shared that she heard memories from alumni and met with current and former staff, and enjoyed a wonderful performance by current students that included the school song that students have sung since the very first year.

Trustee Stirling advised that on September 24, 2016, she was accompanied by Trustee Ip and attended the 3rd annual open house to celebrate Confucius Day. She shared that they were entertained by dancers, musicians and singers.

Trustee Stirling recognized Orange Shirt Day which was held on September 30, 2016, and shared it signifies a day to remember the impact of residential schools on survivors and remember the children who didn't come home and the importance of the work throughout the District to ensure schools are safe and caring places for Indigenous children and their families.

Trustee Stirling thanked the Southeast Edmonton Early Childhood Community Coalition for welcoming her at their annual fall gathering event on October 1, 2016. The event brings together early childhood educators, parents, and community partners to connect with each other and participate in workshop sessions to learn how better to support early childhood education in Edmonton.

Trustee Stirling shared that she will be reading at several schools during Read-In week and will also attend a celebration at the University of Alberta and the reading of *Nokum Is My Teacher*, a children's book written in both English and Cree.

- K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None**
- L. Notices of Motion - None**
- M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**
- N. Adjournment (3:30 p.m.)**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Michael Janz, Board Chair

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Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director  
Governance and Strategic Support  
Services/Corporate Secretary