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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, November 6, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Shelagh Dunn
Michelle Draper

Trisha Estabrooks
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil
Karen Mills

Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Kent Pharis
Darrel Robertson

Carrie Rosa
Mike Suderman
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Michelle Draper

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Heather Quinn, 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 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.

The Board Chair advised those attending the meeting in person that the floor area is restricted to the Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Director of Board and Superintendent Relations and Recording staff, with an area reserved for media. She advised that she would signify to any other staff or registered speakers to come down to the floor at the designated time on the agenda. The Board Chair thanked everyone for their cooperation.

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A. Roll Call

The Superintendent advised that Trustee Gibson was absent. All other Trustees were present.

B. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

**“That the agenda for the November 6, 2018, Board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

C. O Canada - Vimy Ridge Academy

D. Remembrance Ceremony

1. Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

Vimy Ridge Academy conducted a Remembrance Ceremony.

E. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair acknowledged and congratulated Dr. Parker for receiving the Governor General Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers in recognition for his humanitarian efforts abroad. She explained that Dr. Parker has volunteered countless hours improving the lives of many in the world, especially through his work in building schools in Africa.

The Board Chair reported that she was pleased to speak to the City of Edmonton’s Community and Public Services Committee on October 31, 2018, in support of the proposed recommendations from the Early Learning and Care Steering Committee to move forward with the establishment of an Edmonton Council on Early Learning and Care. She explained the Council’s mandate will be to plan and support the development of high-quality early learning and care services in Edmonton, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of low-income and vulnerable families. The Board Chair said City Councillors recognized the need to improve early learning and care services and declared the City’s willingness to be an active partner in improving services.

The Board Chair reported that on November 5, 2018, Vice-Chair Stirling, Trustees Estabrooks and Ip and the Superintendent were pleased to attend the No Stone Left Alone Ceremony at Beechmount Cemetery. She explained that the ceremony provides students and youth with an authentic experience that creates knowledge, understanding and appreciation for those who serve and of the sacrifice of Canada’s fallen. The Board Chair thanked the organizers of this special and important event.

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F. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent congratulated Ms Julie Arsenault, a teacher at Michael Strembitsky School, for recently receiving an Alberta Teachers' Association Science Council Outstanding Teacher award. He explained that she and Ms Amanda Green, a math and science teacher in Beaumont were each awarded for their joint project on space sciences.

The Superintendent shared that he had the pleasure of participating in the Career Pathways Symposium on October 24, 2018, with over 400 students, teachers, parents and industry. He explained that they looked at how to prepare students for a future where the careers they will have will involve technology that does not even exist yet. The Superintendent thanked everyone who worked to make the day such a wonderful success.

G. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #03 – October 23, 2018

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #03 held October 2, 2018, 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

3. Motion re: Citizens Options When Voting for School Board Trustees

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

“That the Edmonton Public School Board seek the support of the Alberta School Boards Association and the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and provincial government officials to amend the law to allow citizens to vote for both public and Catholic school trustees during municipal elections.”

The Board Chair called the question.

MOVED BY Trustee Johner that the motion be amended as follows:

“That the Edmonton Public School Board seek the support of the Alberta School Boards Association and the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta to advocate to the

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and provincial government officials ~~to amend the law to~~ **have a review of how all trustees of all boards are elected. ~~to ensure democratic allow citizens to vote for both public and Catholic school trustees during municipal elections.~~**

There was a short break in the meeting.

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment.

Trustee Johner advised the Board Chair she was withdrawing the amendment.

The Board Chair called the question on the motion.

Trustee Johner advised the Board Chair she was withdrawing the motion.

4. Mature Community Consultation Process
(Response to Request for Information #25)

Information was provided regarding request for information #25.

Trustee Dunn suggested having a discussion with the Board of Trustees and Administration through the Infrastructure Committee regarding an addition of a motion to the school consolidation process.

5. Response to Relationships and Leases with Childcare Organizations
(Response to Request for Information #26)

Information was provided regarding request for information #26.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Adams reported that she and Trustee Stirling attended the Career Pathways Symposium on October 24, 2018, and that there were over 400 other participants who came together to engage in the discussion about setting the future direction of Career Pathways. She shared that the symposium began with an inspiring and encouraging testimony from the Superintendent. Trustee Adams commented that there were a number of students, various staff, parents and vested partners who gave significant feedback in the break-out groups and the information will be gathered to determine the most relevant career pathways for students. Trustee Adams thanked the Career Pathways team who worked so hard to make the symposium engaging and meaningful.

On October 25, 2018, Trustee Adams attended the community parent meeting at Ekota School where they discussed the Early Development Instrument (EDI) results. She explained that there was also an informative discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of their community,

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and added that the information will be compiled to provide insight into the needs of each community and what will be required to best meet those needs.

On October 25, 2018, Trustee Adams, Vice-Chair Stirling and Trustee Johner attended the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta's Annual General Meeting banquet.

Trustee Adams shared that on October 27, 2018, she had the pleasure of bringing greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the Annual Retirement Banquet for CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff). She added that Trustee Estabrooks, the Superintendent and Ms Angela Anderson were also there to congratulate the well-deserved retirements of those who have been a very significant part of the Edmonton Public Schools team.

Trustee Adams reported that she attended catchment meetings on October 30 and November 2, 2018, where principals from various catchments shared and discussed their results, highlights and the challenges of this past year. She added that the new format was more conducive to deeper and more vulnerable sharing that made for very rich discussion and opportunities to gain insights, new learning and sharing opportunities from within and between catchments. Trustee Adams said that she was delighted in hearing the remarkable ways that the catchments are making a difference with the innovative and strategic use of the Equity Fund. She expressed her appreciation for the Assistant Superintendents who work very diligently with principals and oversee the great work that takes place within the catchments. Trustee Adams stated that she is very appreciative for the innovative and strategic work that principals are doing within each of their schools as they work together to strengthen each catchment.

Trustee Draper shared that German Bilingual is offered in five schools in Edmonton from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and that additional German language programming is available throughout the District. Trustee Draper was pleased to bring greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the November 5, 2018, German Career Booster. She explained that the event is a career fair for high school and post-secondary students that is co-hosted by the Institute for Innovation in Second Language Education (IISLE) at Edmonton Public Schools, the Goethe-Institute and Central Agency for German Schools Abroad.

Trustee Dunn commented that it was a pleasure to attend some of the cross-catchment conversations and observe how District school leaders are always thinking and innovating in service of our students. She added that she attended a session on Navigating the Education System hosted by various education stakeholder groups and witnessed the Vice-Chair represent the District to this group of engaged families.

Trustee Dunn reported that she had a tour of Ivor Dent School along with principals from the Britannia cluster as they look ahead to how best to serve students should the consolidation go forward in the cluster.

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Trustee Dunn invited families living in Ward C to an event on November 27, 2018, called What Are Your Hopes for Our Schools? She explained that it will be organized by a group of parents who are interested in forming an ongoing ward council to provide an opportunity to meet with their Trustee, learn from one another across schools, and provide input into education issues impacting families, schools and communities. Trustee Dunn advised that tickets for this event are free and available on Eventbrite.

Trustee Estabrooks congratulated the retirees from CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff), for their hard work and dedication to District schools and students. Trustee Estabrooks had the honour, along with Trustee Adams and the Superintendent to attend a retirement banquet recently and was pleased to celebrate the many years of hard work by our custodians.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked Ms Linda Hut at City Hall School as well as Ms Jana Haman's Grade 6 class from Virginia Park School for inviting her to speak and share her passion about being a school board Trustee.

Trustee Estabrooks reported that along with her colleagues she attended the No Stone Left Alone Remembrance Day ceremony. She said it was a very moving ceremony and spoke to the importance of learning our history, in particular our country's involvement in the first and second World Wars.

Trustee Estabrooks advised that she will be attending Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Beverly Cenotaph this year and thanked the Beverley Business Association for once again including Edmonton Public Schools in the ceremonies.

Trustee Estabrooks invited the constituents of Ward D to a coffee party that she will be hosting on November 15, 2018, at Mandolin Books for anyone who is interested in discussing public education and learning more about the vision of the District.

Trustee Ip reported that on November 5, 2018, he, along with Trustees Draper, Estabrooks, Stirling and other dignitaries including Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell attended the No Stone Left Alone Remembrance Ceremony at Beechmount Cemetery. This year marked the 100th anniversary of the armistice and was a poignant ceremony that involved District students in honouring the sacrifice of Canada's fallen.

On October 27th, 2018, Trustee Ip had the honour to serve as the Masters of Ceremonies for the joint Gala Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Confucius Institute and the 30th Anniversary of the Ji Hong Wushu and Tai Chi College. He commented that it was a spectacular evening of cultural and martial arts performances from renowned performers from all over the world and that many students from Edmonton Public School's Mandarin Bilingual program also participated in the performances. Trustee Ip said that dignitaries such as Chair Draper, Mayor Iveson, and Deputy General Gao of the People's Republic of China were also on hand to bring greetings and offer congratulations to the two organizations.

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On October 14th, 2018, Trustee Ip presented as a panelist at the Promoting Multi-Cultural Diversity and Racial Harmony in Communities forum that was hosted by the Twin Brooks Community League. He explained that the event was held in response to a series of recent racially-motivated incidents within the Twin Brooks Community that made some residents feel unsafe. Trustee Ip explained that the panel included a number of community representatives and city agencies. Trustee Ip affirmed the many policies and regulations currently in place to protect students and the district's zero-tolerance for racial or any form of discrimination.

Trustee Ip extended an invitation to his colleagues and anyone interested in the work of the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation to attend an upcoming Show and Tell information sessions and said that they are an opportunity to learn about the work of the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation and to showcase the impact of the District's full-day Kindergarten programs.

Trustee Ip mentioned the following upcoming Edmonton Public School's Foundation Show and Tell information sessions:

November 29, 2018 - Tipaskan School (9:00am - 10:15am)

December 7, 2018 - Lauderdale School (11:45am - 1:00pm)

December 11, 2018 - Beacon Heights (11:45am - 1:00pm)

Trustee Johner reported that she attended the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta's (PSBAA) Annual General Meeting from October 24-26, 2018. She commented that the meeting program included the launch of the Together for Students campaign which is about having dialogue with Albertans about a single inclusive education system. Trustee Johner shared that Ms Pat Cochrane, former Chair of the Calgary Board of Education, and the Campaign Chair for the Together for Students Campaign spoke about how the campaign is not about the disestablishment of Catholic education as some may think, and that the impetus for the campaign is how the current system is not working as well as it could for all students. She added that a fractured, dispersed system is not using the financial, infrastructure and people resources as effectively as a more streamlined system could.

Trustee Johner shared how the PSBAA's Student Voice program has more than doubled this fall, going from 48 to 100 students. She explained that the purpose of the conference is to demonstrate to students that their voice is valued and listened to. The conference provides opportunities for students to chat with attending trustees, superintendents, staff and the Minister of Education. Trustee Johner said that students' feedback identifies what is important to them, what is working well, and what they would like to see changed or enhanced in the education system.

Trustee Stirling expressed her appreciation for the staff's hard work in organizing the Career Pathways Symposium on October 24, 2018. She added that it was a pleasure to bring greetings. Trustee Stirling commented that as a Trustee, it was very powerful to hear from students, teachers, staff, partners, and community members about the work happening through Career

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Pathways to support students both in their present learning and future opportunities beyond school.

Trustee Stirling thanked the Strategic Alliance for Alberta Students with Learning Challenges for inviting her to present on October 29, 2018, about the role of a Trustee in supporting families at the event, Navigating the Education System, and to participate on their panel along with the Alberta School Councils Association, Alberta Education, CASA, and MLA Marie Renaud. Trustee Stirling thanked the Alberta Teachers' Association for hosting the event and all the families who participated in the discussion.

- K. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** - None
- L. **Notices of Motion** - None
- M. **Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, at 2:00 p.m.**
- N. **Adjournment: 4:35 p.m.**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Draper, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations