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Board Meeting #11

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, April 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Sarah Hoffman
Nathan Ip

Michael Janz
Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin

Officials

Diana Bolan
Jim Davies
David Fraser

Mark Liguori
Ron MacNeil
Kathy Muhlethaler

Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard

Board Chair: Sarah Hoffman

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President

A. O Canada 

O Canada was performed by the Queen Elizabeth School Choir. The Choir is comprised of twenty students from Grades 10, 11 and 12 under the direction of Ms Lindsey Coulter. The choir has performed at Choralfest and received a silver rating. They've also performed at numerous halls around the city such as the MacEwan Haar Theatre, Convocation Hall University of Alberta, and the Jubilee Auditorium. The students are leaving in two days to Sun Peaks, British Columbia to compete.

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

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C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the agenda for the April 22, 2014 board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that, today, is International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. Several years ago, the Board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district.

The Board Chair advised that Support Staff Appreciation Week is April 20 to 26, 2014 with April 23rd designated as Support Staff Appreciation Day in the district. On this day, schools and central service decision units will have the opportunity to recognize the important contributions of all support staff for the excellent work that they do in supporting the success of all students and staff.

The Board Chair advised that April 28th is the National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed at the Workplace. In recognition of the men and women of Alberta and of the district who are part of those statistics, the Edmonton Public School Board on April 27, 1998 proclaimed every April 28th as an annual ‘Day of Mourning’ in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job. The Board encourages each and every one to do their part to ensure that Edmonton Public Schools’ work and learning environments are as healthy and safe for staff, students and community as possible throughout the year.

The Board Chair advised that, on April 16, 2014, a number of Trustees visited and toured the Confucius Institute Languages Centre at Woodcroft School.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that, in January, the Province announced the District would be receiving a new replacement or modernized school in a mature neighbourhood. Edmonton Public Schools is proud to provide excellent learning places for its students. One of our priorities is to provide welcoming, high-quality learning and working environments for students and staff.

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The District is looking at several mature communities across the city as potential sites for the new school. All communities selected as potential sites will have an opportunity to provide feedback. Moving forward, three rounds of public meetings will be held in the communities selected. At the first meeting, parents and stakeholders will be given an overview of the project. At the second meeting, input and feedback will be collected through small group conversations. We will be looking for ideas about the community's needs for the building, the site selection and the type of educational programming that should be offered. At the third meeting, we will share with each community the data collected from the consultations and the details of the information report going to Board on June 24, 2014.

The location of the replacement school has not been predetermined or decided and, as such, it is important we involve community members in the process. Meaningful consultation does not have to take months - a great consultation process needs to be transparent with an openness to listen. This will occur and the community will be proud to have played a role in shaping next steps.

The first round of the three replacement school public engagement meetings will be held this week starting at 7:00 p.m. at the following schools:

- Tuesday, April 22, 2014 - Highlands School
- Wednesday, April 23, 2014 - Lawton School
- Thursday, April 24, 2014 - Westmount School

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #10 – April 10, 2014

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #10 held April 10, 2014 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board heard from Ms Gaylene Borgstede regarding a replacement school in a mature neighbourhood. A copy of Ms Borgstede's comments was provided for the Board's information.

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H. Reports

2. Report #6 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held April 10, 2014)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “1. That Report #6 of the Caucus Committee from the meeting held April 10, 2014 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “2. That the appointment of Trustees Adams and Chubb to serve as the Board’s representatives on the Elevate Initiative Task Force be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “3. That subject to the approval of the Minister of Education, a partial land acquisition to the City of Edmonton of 0.79 acres of the Vimy Ridge Academy (Bonnie Doon Campus) site in the amount of \$200,000, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “4. That subject to the approval of the Minister of Education, a partial land acquisition to the City of Edmonton of 0.446 acres of the W. P. Wagner School site in the amount of \$20,100, be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

3. Distribution of Funds

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “That the Board of Trustees approve the distribution of funds for the 2014-2015 budget.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

There was a short break at this point.

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4. Proposed Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2015-2024 and Three-Year Capital Plan 2015-2018

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the proposed *Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2015-2024 and Three-Year Capital Plan 2015-2018* be approved for submission to Alberta Education.”

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Adams, Chubb, Gibson, Hoffman, Ip, Janz, Johner and Martin

OPPOSED: Trustee Draper

The Motion was CARRIED.

There was a short break at this point.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – 5:00 p.m.

The Board heard from Ms Kathy Dawson regarding sexual health education. A copy of Ms Dawson’s comments was provided for the Board’s information.

5. Children and Youth Mental Health and Well-Being Initiative (Response to Request for Information #011)

The report was discussed.

Trustee Janz suggested that the information contained in the report be considered by the Policy Review Committee in the development of draft Board Policy AEBB.BP – Wellness of Students and Staff.

Trustee Draper suggested that consideration be given to providing information in the *Need to Know News* about what resources are available in the District regarding student mental health for Mental Health Week May 5 to 11, 2014 including information about the EPSB School Health Information Newsletter and Mental Health Awareness website.

The Superintendent advised that this information would be provided to Trustees.

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J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Adams, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, noted the following upcoming fundraising events:

- May 1, 2014 – *Ready to Shine – Student Fashion Show* at Kingsway Mall
- May 29, 2014 – *Ready for Life* fundraising breakfast at M.E. LaZerte School

Trustee Johner, the Board's representative on ASBA Zone 23, noted the Edwin Parr Awards banquet will be held on Friday, May 23, 2014 at the Executive Royal Inn.

Trustee Draper noted that several Trustees who were visiting the Confucius Institute at Woodcroft School on April 16, 2014 had the opportunity to meet some of the people involved in working on the curriculum redesign. She commended the commitment of these staff members to this important work.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Martin requested that information be provided on the successes and challenges experienced working within a P3 model for the ASAP schools.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment (5:30 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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