

**MINUTE BOOK**

**Board Meeting #3**

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, December 3, 2013 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**

Jim Davies  
David Fraser

Mark Liguori  
Ron MacNeil  
Kathy Muhlethaler

Darrel Robertson  
Sandra Stoddard

**Board Chair:** Sarah Hoffman

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the agenda for the December 3, 2013 board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair advised that the District Recognition Night for Service, Team and Merit Recognition Awards was taking place this evening. The event recognizes the outstanding accomplishments, contributions, and achievements of parent/community members, staff members and students.

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The Board Chair advised that today was the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This day honours people with disabilities and those who support them.

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

The Superintendent advised that the District has launched the communication plan for the growth accommodation strategy. A number of supporting resources and documents are available on the District website that will help parents and community members understand the District's space issues and the accommodation of students. These materials will begin to inform the public about the consultation meetings that will be held in schools across the District from January 6 to 15, 2014, as well as provide information about an on-line survey and share ways in which parents and the public can get involved through social media.

The Superintendent stated his commitment to public engagement and his belief in the power of collective wisdom as we tackle the District's space and growth challenges. He provided reassurance that, while options will be shared during the engagement strategy as a starting point for discussion, input and feedback, there are no predetermined outcomes. The District website and survey reflects this as well.

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

The Board heard from the following speakers:

- Ms Michele Evans regarding space issues at Bessie Nichols School
- Mr. Travis Dugas regarding FNMI parent engagement

### **G. Reports**

1. Edmonton Public Schools' Combined Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report

**MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:**

**“That the Edmonton Public Schools' Combined Three-Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report, and the Summary of the AERR be approved for submission to Alberta Education.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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### 2. Review of 2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Plans and Revised Budgets

Trustees provided verbal reports regarding the results review meetings they attended.

### 3. Board Chair Discretionary Expenses Allowance Report 2012-2013

The report was discussed.

### 4. Presentation – Infrastructure

Trustee Janz requested that a copy of the PowerPoint presentation be posted for the public.

Trustee Gibson requested that a copy of Dr. Parker's accompanying verbal remarks also be posted.

Trustee Gibson requested that information be provided regarding student population projections based on school and geographic location.

Trustee Gibson requested that information be provided regarding what percentage of the expected student population growth will be met by adding the proposed new schools in the growth regions; e.g. does one new school in Lewis Farms address the need in the west end or does it address 10% of the need?

### 5. Capital Planning Methodology (Response to Request for Information #001)

Trustee Chubb requested that information be provided regarding the status of new school construction. Are the schools still on track for opening in 2016?

## **H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Adams, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, reported on the following:

- She attended the launch of the full-day kindergarten program at Calder School on November 20, 2013.
- The launch of the full-day kindergarten program at Princeton School will take place on Thursday, December 5, 2013. The funding for this program comes from a \$100,000 investment made by the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation.

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- Foundation information session lunches are scheduled for:
  - Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Lauderdale School
  - Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at Mee-Yah-Noh School
  - Friday, February 21, 2014 at Mee-Yah-Noh School
- Volunteers are required to assist with the Kingsway Mall Wrap-and-Roll store front which will be open for the entire month of December.

**I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information** – None.

**J. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Gibson served notice of the following motion:

*Given*

- *the degree and timing of student mobility between First Nations schools and Edmonton public schools,*
- *limitations in student records following the student,*
- *this Board's commitment to building social capital through partnerships as a means to strengthen student success,*
- *the Provincial Government's commitment to result-based budgets rather than funding in separate silos, and*
- *the Federal Government's desire to strengthen First Nations education,*

*That the Advocacy and District Priorities and Governance Committees consider the merits of developing a plan to engage the provincial and federal governments to provide the District additional resources to strengthen liaison between First Nations schools and Edmonton Public schools.*

**K. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

**L. Adjournment (3:40 p.m.)**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Director Governance  
and Strategic Support Services