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Board Meeting #5

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, January 21, 2014 at 3:00 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
Kathy Muhlethaler

Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard

Board Chair: Sarah Hoffman

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

A. O Canada 

Miss Atiya Dato, a Grade 11 student from Victoria School, sang O Canada.

B. Roll Call: (3:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the agenda for the January 21, 2014 board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair noted the District ad that appeared in the *Edmonton Journal* and *Edmonton Examiner* on January 15th for *Maintenance Workers' Appreciation Day* acknowledging and thanking district members of CUPE Local 784 for their ongoing contributions to creating safe, comfortable and healthy environments in which students and staff can learn and work. A lunch was also held for the District's maintenance staff last Wednesday.

The Board Chair noted the Provincial Government announcement today with respect to modernization projects for the following schools: Ross Sheppard, Belgravia, Vimy Ridge and Alberta School for the Deaf. A replacement school or modernization project in a mature neighbourhood was also announced.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that Samuel Brown Weasel and Ashley Herrington, students at Eastglen School, have been chosen to attend the Verna J. Kirkness Science Education Program at the University of Manitoba in May. Samuel and Ashley will become temporary students on campus, members of a research team conducting experiments, attend lab meetings and each will receive a Nexus 7 tablet. He congratulated both students.

The Superintendent advised that the public consultation meetings regarding the growth accommodation plan have concluded. All of the information received from both the on-line survey and consultation process is currently being reviewed and analyzed to determine emerging themes and options. The options will be examined to determine their viability through the lens of the following criteria:

- Does the option address space capacity at the school?
- Does the option provide quality learning environments for all students?
- Can the option be put in place for September 2014?
- Is the option financially feasible?
- Is the option sustainable into the coming years?

The Administration is also analyzing options that will impact communities in the least way possible.

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The Board Chair noted a number of Trustees attended the growth accommodation plan public consultation meetings. The meetings were well attended and she expressed appreciation for the extra efforts made such as the provision of translation services as well as the participation of staff from schools in the surrounding areas.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #4 – December 17, 2013

Trustee Janz noted a correction is required to page eight of the minutes. The second last sentence of Trustee Gibson's comments should read: *The Superintendent acquitted himself remarkably well and the community was extremely impressed.*

Trustee Janz also noted he was withdrawing the motion regarding the process for the awarding of new schools at this time (the notice of motion is reflected on page nine of the minutes). He noted he may bring forward another notice of motion on this subject at a later date.

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #4 held December 17, 2013 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board heard from Ms Daunine Pardely regarding the restructuring of boundaries for Winterburn School.

H. Reports

2. Motion re Child Care Poverty Reduction

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That, in alignment with the Premier's 2012 goal to end child poverty and District Priority #1 (provide supports and programs that will enable all students to complete high school), the Board write a letter to the Premier in support of the Child Care Poverty Reduction Report authored by the Alberta College of Social Workers, Public Interest Alberta, and the Edmonton Social Planning Council.”

There was a short break at this point.

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The Board Chair called the question.

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

OPPOSED: Trustees Chubb and Gibson

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

3. Locally Developed Courses for Semester Two

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

“That the following locally developed courses and resources be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools:

New courses acquired by Edmonton Public Schools

Course Name	Level – Credit	Approval Period
Abnormal Psychology (Pembina Hills Regional Division #7)	35 (5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2014
Advanced Dance (from Lethbridge School District #51)	15 (3 or 5 credit) 25 (3 or 5 credit) 35 (3 or 5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2014
Band (Calgary School District #19)	25 (5 credit) 35 (5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2016
Forensic Science Studies (Pembina Hills Regional Division #7)	35 (5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2016
Leadership, Character & Social Responsibility (Golden Hills School Division #75)	15 (3 or 5 credit) 25 (3 or 5 credit) 35 (3 or 5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2016
Musical Theatre in Performance (Fort McMurray Public School District #2833)	25 (5 credit) 35 (5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2014
Performing Arts (Grande Yellowhead Public School Division #77)	15 (3 or 5 credit) 25 (3 or 5 credit) 35 (3 or 5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2015

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Popular Culture (Parkland School Division #70)	25 (3 or 5 credit) 35 (3 or 5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2016
Professional Development in the Arts (from Calgary School District #19)	35 (3 or 5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2014
Rock and Pop (St. Albert Public School District #5565)	15 (5 credit) 25 (5 credit) 35 (5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2015
Triathlon (Red Deer Public District #104)	25 (5 credit) 35 (5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2015
Vocal Jazz (Calgary School District #19)	15 (3 or 5 credit) 25 (3 or 5 credit) 35 (3 or 5 credit)	February 2014 – August 2016’

Trustee Johner requested information regarding the Popular Culture Course.

The Administration undertook to post a copy of the Popular Culture Course outline on the Board Intranet Site (BIS) for Trustee information.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Lost Prizes Program
(Response to Request for Information #002)

The Board heard a presentation by Amiskwaciy Principal Fred Hines.

A copy of Principle Hines’ presentation as well as a document titled ‘Lost Prizes: Manitoban and International Initiatives to Identify and Develop the Talents of At-Risk Populations’ will be posted on the Board Intranet Site (BIS) for Trustee information.

5. Student Population Growth and Proposed New Schools
(Response to Request for Information #007)

The report was discussed.

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6. Bereavements

Vice-Chair Janz reported on the passings of Mr. Barry Kokotailo, a member of the District's exempt staff; Ms Joyce Sydora, a member of the District's support staff; and Mrs. Lora Berry, a member of the District's teaching staff.

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the Administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

There were no registered speakers.

J. 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 Foundation activities:

- The Wrap-and-Roll fundraiser at Kingsway Garden Mall in December raised \$14,951.56 (\$500 more than last year). She thanked the staff who volunteered their time.
- January 23, 2014 – information lunch at Lauderdale School
- February 11, 2014 – information lunch at Mee-Yah-Noh School
- February 21, 2014 – information lunch at Mee-Yah-Noh School
- April 11, 2014 – information lunch at Tipaksan School
- April 25, 2014 – information lunch at Princeton School

Trustee Adams noted the launch of the full-day kindergarten program at Beacon Heights School will take place January 30, 2014. The program has been funded by a generous five-year contribution made by the Bill Comrie family.

Trustee Adams noted the *Ready to Dine 2* culinary fundraiser event will be held at W.P. Wagner School on February 13, 2014.

Trustee Ip congratulated the students, staff and community of Sweet Grass School, in particular teacher Lisa Camarta's Grade 6 class, who through their hard work and creativity, raised \$1,200 for Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts. He noted he was present at Sweet Grass School on Monday, January 20, 2014 when the Honourable Heather Klimchuk, Minister of

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Culture, presented a \$500,000 cheque of matching typhoon relief funds to the Canadian Red Cross.

Trustee Johner, the Board's representative on ASBA Zone 23, noted the next general meeting will take place Friday, January 24, 2014.

Trustee Chubb acknowledged the work of district staff regarding the growth accommodation public consultation meetings. He attended all of the meetings and commended, in particular, the principals who volunteered their time to facilitate at the meetings.

Trustee Hoffman, the Board's representative on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board of Directors, reported that the Board of Directors held their strategic planning meetings last week. There may be a fifth strategic planning priority for the upcoming year related specifically to labour and the need to ensure there is an effective model for school boards to have their voices heard regarding negotiating collective agreements. The final recommendation will be brought to the Board of Directors in the spring; however, she will bring forward the recommendation to the Board for consideration prior to final approval by the Board of Directors.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment (5:15 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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