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Board Meeting #12

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, May 6, 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

A. O Canada 

O Canada was performed by Britney Trieu, a Grade 9 student from Grandview Heights School. Britney has performed at numerous venues in Edmonton, including the Royal Alberta Museum, McDougall United Church, and the Confucius Institute, as well as several cities in China. Last month she received the highest mark in the province on the Grade 6 Royal Conservatory of Music examination. Britney was accompanied by Principal Doug Allen and her mother.

Staff Group Representatives

CUPE Local 474 – Barry Benoit, President
CUPE Local 784 – Jeff McIntyre, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President

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 May 6, 2014 board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that May 5th to 11th is Mental Health Week. This is an annual, national event that takes place the first week in May to encourage people from all walks of life to learn, talk, reflect and engage others on all issues relating to mental health.

The Board Chair advised that May 17th is the *International Day Against Homophobia*. This day belongs to no one individual, rather it’s about people hoping for a prejudice-free world that can provide a place at the table for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent noted that May 5th to 9th is Education Week. This year’s theme is *We are Teachers*. Education Week was established more than seventy-five years ago to highlight the important role education plays in shaping the future of Alberta and to showcase some of the good things happening in Alberta schools.

The Superintendent advised that thirty-seven district staff were selected by Alberta Education as 2014 Excellence in Teaching Awards semi-finalists. These teachers are among one hundred and thirteen Alberta-wide semi-finalists. Trustees honoured the District semi-finalists at a Board-hosted event on May 1, 2014. Alberta Education will announce the twenty final award recipients during the week of May 24-30, 2014. Both semi-finalists and award recipients will have access to reserve funds for professional development.

The Superintendent advised that three district students received 2014 *Great Kids Awards* from Human Services Minister Manmeet Bhullar on April 27, 2014. Sixteen young people from across Alberta were selected from three hundred nominations. Every year, the Government of Alberta presents the *Great Kids Award* to Alberta’s children and youth for their exceptional achievements, which inspire other Albertans to reach their potential. The *Great Kids Award* was first launched in 1999 as a celebration of children and youth between ages five to eighteen who demonstrate strong determination,

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generosity, and compassion. Their achievements have helped build stronger families and communities. Thirty-three students from Edmonton Public Schools were nominated for the award. The three district award winners are:

- Wren Kauffman, age 12 – Victoria School
- Kassandra Gower, age 15 – amiskwaciy Academy
- Abu Husein, age 18 – Eastglen School

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #11 – April 22, 2014

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held April 22, 2014 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

H. Reports

2. Presentation re Assistive Technology Solutions for Literacy

The Board heard a presentation highlighting the services offered at the Glenrose School Campus in the Catherine Iles Assistive Technology Classroom and the I CAN Centre for Assistive Technology at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.

5. Staff Group Presentations re 2014-2015 Proposed Budget

- CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff)
- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)

Mr. Barry Benoit, President CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff), verbally presented the Local’s brief.

At 3:10 p.m., the Board set the item aside temporarily to deal with the next report prior to the time-specific presentation by CUPE Local 784 at 3:15 p.m.

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3. Report #7 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held April 22, 2014)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “1. That Report #7 of the Caucus Committee from the meeting held April 22, 2014 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “2. That the following designation for the period August 28, 2014 to August 31, 2015 be confirmed: Mary Michailides – Assistant Superintendent”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The Board Chair noted that Ms Michailides was present and asked her to stand and be recognized.

5. Staff Group Presentations re 2014-2015 Proposed Budget - Continued
 - CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff)
 - CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)

Mr. Jeff McIntyre, President CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff), verbally presented the Local's brief.

The Board Chair thanked Mr. Benoit and Mr. McIntyre for their input and advised that a report in response to the presentations will be prepared. A copy of the presentations as well as the report in response to the presentations will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2014-2015 school year.

There was a short break at this point.

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4. Locally Developed Courses – District Developed and Acquired Elementary, Junior and Senior High

MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

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

a. New courses developed by Edmonton Public Schools

Course Name	Level - Credit	Approval Period
Global Perspectives Through the Arts (IBCC)	35 (5 credit)	September 2014 – August 2018
Introduction to the Special Needs Education Assistant Career Pathway	35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Special Needs Educational Assistant Career Pathway: Assistive and Adaptive Technology	35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Sport, Exercise and Health Science	25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 – August 2018

b. New courses acquired by Edmonton Public Schools

Course Name	Level - Credit	Approval Period
Art (IB) Red Deer School District No. 104	25 (3 credit)	September 2014 to August 2016
Journalism Calgary School District No. 19	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2015
Mathematics (IB) Calgary School District No. 19	35 (3 credit)	September 2014 to August 2016
Outdoor Education Black Gold Regional Div. No. 18	25 (3 credit)	September 2014 to August 2015
Perspectives of the Human Condition Westmount Charter School Society	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2015
Sport Psychology Calgary School District No. 19	25 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2015
Technical Theatre Calgary School District No. 19	15/25/35 (3/5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Yoga Calgary School District No. 19	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2016

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c. Renewal of courses developed by Edmonton Public Schools

Course Name	Level - Credit	Approval Period
American Sign Language and Culture – 3Y	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Beginner Music - Choral	15 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Beginner Music - Instrumental Music	15 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Drawing (Advanced Techniques)	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Forensic Science Studies	25/35 (3 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Speech and Debate	15 (3 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
American Sign Language and Deaf Culture - 9Y	K - 9	September 2014 to August 2018
Arabic Language and Culture - 12Y	K-9	September 2014 to August 2018
ESL Support to Science	7 - 9	September 2014 to August 2018
ESL Support to Social Studies	7 - 9	September 2014 to August 2018
Explorations in Film	9	September 2014 to August 2018
Learning to Lead	8 - 9	September 2014 to August 2018
Practical Arts	7 - 9	September 2014 to August 2018
Punjabi Language & Culture	K - 3	September 2014 to August 2018

d. Renewal of courses acquired by Edmonton Public Schools

Course Name	Level - Credit	Approval Period
Abnormal Psychology Pembina Hills Regional Division #7	35 (3 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Advanced Dance Lethbridge School District # 51	15/25/35 (3/5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018

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Course Name	Level - Credit	Approval Period
Arabic Language & Culture - 3Y Calgary School District # 19	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Arabic Language and Culture – 12Y Northern Lights School Division #69	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
ESL Introduction to Canadian Studies Calgary School District # 19	15/25 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
ESL Introduction to Science Calgary School District # 19	15 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Learning Strategies Calgary Roman Catholic SS District #1	15/25/35 (3/5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Marine Biology Parkland School Division #70	35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Musical Theatre in Performance Fort McMurray Public Sch. Dist. # 2833	25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Pre-Engineering Calgary School District # 19	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Professional Development in the Arts Calgary School District # 19	35 (3/5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Sculpting (Advanced Techniques) Calgary School District # 19	15/25/35 (5 credit)	September 2014 to August 2018
Accelerated English (ESL Level 3) Calgary School District # 19	7 – 9	September 2014 to August 2018”

Trustee Johner requested that information regarding the course descriptions for Practical Arts and Professional Development in the Arts be provided.

Trustee Draper requested that information regarding the course descriptions for Learning to Lead and Learning Strategies be provided.

Trustee Adams requested that information be provided regarding the course description for Perspectives of the Human Condition prior to the vote being taken on the recommendation.

Trustee Ip requested that brief course descriptions be included in future reports.

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The Board set the item aside temporarily so that the Administration could provide the information Trustee Adams requested.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Chubb advised that he and Trustee Gibson attended the recent meeting of the West Edmonton Network of Neighborhood Schools (WENNS) regarding discussion of the replacement school. New Democrat Education Critic Deron Bilous and MLA Steve Young were also in attendance. He expressed appreciation for the Planning Department's support during the meeting in answering questions.

Trustee Gibson advised that he had presented at the Glastonbury Community League Annual General Meeting on April 29, 2014 regarding the Bessie Nichols and Winterburn Schools attendance area changes.

Trustee Adams, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, reported on the *Ready to Shine – Student Fashion Show* held at Kingsway Garden Mall on May 1, 2014. This fundraiser raised \$25,000 for the Foundation to provide full-day kindergartens for socially-vulnerable children. She noted that eight schools participated in the event providing amazing designs. Several partners support the event and one student received a \$5,000 scholarship to MC (Marvel) College, while two other students received new sewing machines. Kingsway Garden Mall is going to be committing to five more years of hosting this event. She further advised that the *Ready for Life* fundraising breakfast will take place at M.E. LaZerte School on May 29, 2014. It is hoped this event will raise \$100,000.

Trustee Johner, the Board's representative on ASBA Zone 23, reported on the ASBA Zone 23 general meeting held April 25, 2014 noting the presentation by Debbie Mineault, Alberta Education Senior Education Manager in FNMI Services Branch, which provided some insights on how *Inspiring Education* respects and values the FNMI students – the FNMI perspectives have been placed into many of the educational outcomes. Ms Mineault also presented on the Truth and Reconciliation Committee hearings. She noted that she had attended one of the days of the hearings as well. The next ASBA Zone 23 meeting will be held Friday, May 23, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Executive Royal Inn West followed by the Edwin Parr Awards banquet that evening.

Trustee Hoffman noted that a number of Trustees, Administration, as well as school staff and several hundred district students attended took part in the Excellence in Teaching Task Force report release yesterday. She heard a great deal of positive feedback on how well the students actively participated in the table discussions.

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J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

4. Locally Developed Courses – District Developed and Acquired Elementary, Junior and Senior High - Continued

Assistant Superintendent Liguori provided course information on Perspectives of the Human Condition.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

M. Adjournment (4:30 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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