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Board Meeting

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 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Michelle Draper
Ken Gibson

Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin

Student Trustee

Johannah Ko

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Diana Bolan
Todd Burnstad

Candace Cole
Jim Davies
Ron MacNeil
Mary Michailides

Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard

Board Chair: Michael Janz

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

A. O Canada 

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President

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

The Superintendent advised that Trustees Chubb and Hoffman were absent. All other Trustees as well as Student Trustee Ko were present.

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C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the agenda for the April 28, 2015 board meeting be approved as printed.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair noted that today, April 28th, is the National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed at the Workplace. In recognition of the men and women of our Province 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.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent May 4 to 10, 2015 is *Mental Health Week*. This nationally recognized campaign is an important opportunity for schools to acknowledge and promote the importance of positive mental health and the impact mental health and wellbeing have on our lives. This is the 64th annual *Mental Health Week*. The focus of this year’s *Mental Health Week* is on the mental health and well-being of men and boys and also, as always, encourages people from all walks of life to learn, talk, reflect and engage others on issues related to mental health and mental illness.

Edmonton Public Schools has created a site to support teachers and schools for *Mental Health Week* and beyond. The site includes: lesson plans for Grades K-12, literacy lists, PA announcements, school-wide activities, posters and video resources. Please note that the *Elephant in the Room Campaign* will take place on May 8th and staff and students are encouraged to wear their elephant stickers that day to support mental health and to stop the silence/stigma around mental health.

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Also, the Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association Edmonton and the Alberta Teachers' Association to develop an infographic poster to promote positive mental health. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the ATA, these infographics have been sent out to all public and Catholic schools in Alberta. The poster notes that May 6th is *Hats On! For Mental Health Day* which asks people to wear a special hat in participating schools to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. Information about the resources available was published in the April 24th *Need to Know News*.

The Superintendent noted he participated in the W.P. Wagner School *Wagathon* on April 24, 2015. The bike-a-thon fundraiser for the District Foundation was very successful and he commended the students and staff for organizing the event.

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

G. Reports

1. Distribution of Funds

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the Board of Trustees approve the distribution of funds for the 2015-2016 budget.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

There was a break at this point.

2. Draft Board Policy AA.BP – Stakeholder Relations

MOVED BY Ip:

“That draft Board Policy AA.BP – Stakeholder Relations be considered for the first time and approved for posting on the District website for stakeholder input.”

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Trustee Gibson requested that the Policy Review Committee review the following items from ATTACHMENT III – COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS to ensure they are reflected in the draft policy:

- mutually benefit all partners
- based on shared or aligned objectives that support the goals of both parties
- ensure corporate image or business practices are not in conflict with district policies, values and beliefs
- do not require an exclusive endorsement of products and services

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3. Motion re Council of School Councils

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

“That the following motion from the November 13, 2012 Board meeting not be approved: *That the Administration create a Council of School Councils that will meet with the Board twice a year and provide advice on education issues.*”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Gibson thanked Mr. Christopher Wright and Mr. Roland Labbe for their excellent presentation to the Glastonbury Community League on April 21, 2015.

Trustee Draper advised that, every year, Rotary clubs have the opportunity to invite and honour members of their community who best exemplify Rotary values in their everyday lives, and this is done through the Capital Region Integrity Awards. She attended the event on April 22, 2015 and noted that Vicky Mamczasz, from John D. Bracco School received the Rotary Integrity Award from the Rotary Club of Edmonton Northeast. Vicky supports student mental health and founded “Stronger Together Schools” a team of over forty community partners, school staff, students and parents investing in mental health. Denise Hugman, a parent from M.E. LaZerte, also was a recipient of this award from the Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview for her promotion of affordable music education and many other non-profit endeavours.

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Trustee Martin visited Highlands School last week to hear about the work the school is doing as part of the Eastglen catchment Equity Fund Project. The school trained twenty-four teachers from seventeen different schools between April 20 to 22, 2015 in DRUMBEAT (an empirically-based group mental health intervention that uses drumming to address risk factors and increase resilience). Mr. Simon Faulkner, the originator and trainer for the program from Australia, was in attendance to facilitate the sessions. The schools involved were: Abbott, Bannerman, Beacon Heights, Belmont, Fraser, Highlands, Homesteader, John D. Bracco, Kirkness, Montrose, Mount Royal, R. J. Scott and Sifton.

Trustee Gibson left at this point for the duration of the meeting.

Trustee Martin advised that he attended amiskwaciy Academy's Spring Feast. He noted there were approximately four hundred and twenty-five people in attendance including elders, Air Cadets and representatives from Edmonton Police Services. He noted Dr. Lorne Parker received a ceremonial blanket as a gift to honour his efforts over the years with the school.

Trustee Adams, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, reported that \$20,000 was raised for the Foundation in support of full-day kindergarten through the *Ready to Shine* Student Fashion Show fundraiser hosted by Kingsway Garden Mall on April 23, 2015. She also reported that W.P. Wagner School raised \$43,000 through its *Wagathon* fundraiser on April 24, 2015. She commended all of those involved in both fundraising events.

Trustee Adams noted the *Ready for Life* fundraising breakfast will take place, May 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at W.P. Wagner School.

Trustee Johner noted she and Trustees Adams and Ip Adams were also pleased to have attended the *Ready to Shine* event. She also noted she attended the *Great Cover-Up* fundraiser for the Archives and Museum at McKay Avenue School on April 25, 2015.

Trustee Johner, the Board's representative on Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 23, reported on the ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting held April 24, 2015. The ASBA Board of Directors presented the proposed 2015-2016 ASBA budget which will be debated by the membership at the Spring General Meeting on June 1, 2015. She noted that five proposed policy positions for the Fall General Meeting were brought forward including the proposed policy position from Edmonton Public Schools that the topic of consent be incorporated in the curriculum related to Sexual Education. The proposed policy positions will be voted at the May 22, 2015 ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting.

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- I. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** – None.
- J. **Notices of Motion** – None.
- K. **Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
- L. **Adjournment (4:20 p.m.)**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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