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Board Meeting #6

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 2, 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

Student Trustee

Johannah Ko

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Diana Bolan
Jim Davies

Cheryl Hagen
Mark Liguori
Ron MacNeil
Mary Michailides

Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Darrel Robertson

Board Chair: Sarah Hoffman

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

A. **O Canada** 

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

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

Legal Counsel Jim Davies conducted the official swearing in of Student Trustee Johannah Ko.

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C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the agenda for the December 2, 2014 board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that December 3, 2014 is the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The intent of this day is to increase awareness and understanding of persons with disabilities and to celebrate their contributions.

The Board Chair thanked CUPE Local 474 for their leadership in the White Ribbon Campaign and for distributing white ribbons to its members and to the staff of Edmonton Public Schools to wear from November 26, 2014 to December 6, 2014. The Local’s goal is to make the public aware that violence against women happens in the home, on the street and in the workplace and it is unacceptable.

The Board Chair welcomed Student Trustee Ko.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent also welcomed Student Trustee Ko.

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

G. Reports

1. Annual Policy Development and Review Plan 2014-2015

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the Annual Policy Development and Review Plan 2014-2015 be approved.”

Trustee Martin requested that a copy of Legal Counsel’s analysis of the changes being contemplated in the *Education Act* be provided.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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2. Review of 2013-2014 Results and 2014-2015 Plans and Revised Budgets

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

Trustee Hoffman requested that, for next year, consideration be given to allocating additional time for Trustees to review more schools during results review.

3. Board Chair Discretionary Expenses Allowance Report 2013-2014

The Board Chair provided information regarding the Board Chair's discretionary expenses allowance for 2013-2014.

4. Report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Inclusive Education in Alberta (Response to Request for Information # 051)

The Board received information on the report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Inclusive Education in Alberta.

H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Martin advised that he attended the 2014 *Knowing Our Spirits Conference* in Edmonton. There were eight hundred people in attendance from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec. The conference focused on the education of Aboriginal children.

Trustee Ip advised that he attended the South Edmonton Business Association (SEBA) mixer fundraiser event. The proceeds of the event were donated to the Edmonton Public School Board Foundation. Former Premier David Hancock was in attendance as well.

Trustee Adams, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, thanked Trustee Ip for attending the SEBA fundraiser and reported that \$800 was raised at the event. She also reported that Foundation volunteers will be wrapping gifts for consumers at the Kingsway Garden Mall as part of the *Wrap and Roll* fundraiser which runs until December 24th. She expressed appreciation to Kingsway Garden Mall for their ongoing support of the Foundation. She encouraged everyone to make use of this service and noted that additional volunteers are always welcome.

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Student Trustee Ko reported she received an invitation from Ms Claire Edwards to attend the Edmonton Student Youth Council meeting tomorrow evening. She extended the invitation to members of the District's Student Advisory Council to attend the meeting as well. She is looking forward to speaking with the students involved with the Student Advisory Council in the near future.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Hoffman requested the following information:

- Which of the 38 remaining Blue Ribbon Panel on Inclusive Education in Alberta Schools recommendations would the Board and Administration like to see implemented throughout the District?
- What is the estimated cost associated with District-wide implementation?

J. Notices of Motion – None.

K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment (3:35 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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