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Board Meeting #4

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, November 4, 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
David Fraser
Mark Liguori

Ron MacNeil
Mary Michailides
Kathy Muhlethaler

Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard

Board Chair: Sarah Hoffman

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives

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

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

B. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the agenda for the November 4, 2014 board meeting be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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C. O Canada  - *Vimy Ridge Academy*

D. Remembrance Ceremony

1. Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

Vimy Ridge Academy conducted a Remembrance Ceremony.

E. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that Mr. Paul Gagne and Ms Constance Murphy were present in the audience, along with sixty-three Bachelor of Education (After Degree) students from the Education 551 (Educational Administration) course at Concordia University. The Education 551 course examines the complex systems within public education – the organizational, legal, and social structures that are evident in contemporary schools. The Education 551 students observe a public school board meeting to assist them in understanding the governance structures in public education in Alberta.

The Board Chair commended the organizers and participants of the Career Pathways Symposium held October 30, 2014. She noted a number of Trustees attended the event.

The Board Chair noted that this was Executive Director David Fraser's last public board meeting prior to his retirement. She thanked him for his service to Edmonton Public Schools.

F. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent thanked the Board for its collective leadership in setting the direction in the strategic plan with respect to the Career Pathways initiative. He believed the initiative has the potential to impact the lives of district students in their successful transition to post-secondary studies and the world of work. The Career Pathways Symposium provided the opportunity for participants to share their feedback around the Career Pathways concept model and its implementation. There were over three hundred participants representing students, parents, staff, and numerous stakeholders from outside the District.

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The Superintendent advised that Ms Carla Stolte, a teacher at Mount Royal School, is a recipient of an Avenue Edmonton Magazine's 2014 *Top 40 Under 40* award. She oversaw the Penny Project sponsored by Kingsway Mall which combined her passion for the arts, her students and the community. The Project raised \$13,000 for the Edmonton Public Schools' Foundation. Ms Stolte is also the president of the Westmount Community League where she donates ten hours per week towards building a stronger neighbourhood. He commended her efforts.

G. Minutes

2. Board Meeting #3 – October 21, 2014

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #3 held October 21, 2014 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board heard from Mr. Steve Stannard regarding transportation funding for early learning programs. Mr. Stannard provided a copy of his written comments to the Recording Secretary.

I. Reports

3. Presentation re Research Findings from a Nutritional Study with First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Youth

The Board heard a presentation from Dr. Sangita Sharma, Endowed Chair in Aboriginal Health and Centennial Professor/Professor in Aboriginal and Global Health Research at the University of Alberta, with respect to a nutritional study with First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Youth.

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

There was a short break at this point in the meeting.

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4. Motion re Annual Reporting of Yellow Bus Ride Times

MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:

“That information on the current minimum, maximum and average ride times for the following yellow bus service be reported annually:

- regular
- alternative programs
- special needs
- early education
- conditional riders”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. Policies Bulletin for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) 2014 Fall Annual General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:

“That the Board’s position, as proposed by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Issues and Resolutions Committee, with respect to each of the Alberta School Boards Association proposed policy positions and the emergent resolution be approved.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Martin reported on the *Back in the Game* football program at Eastglen School. Eastglen has had a football team as one of its sports teams since it opened. In 2011, the school’s twelve-man football team lost every game which was demoralizing for the coaches and students; in addition, a decline in enrolment, resulted in the school being unable to compete in twelve-man football during the 2012 and 2013 football seasons, participating instead in the six-man football league. In June 2014, Eastglen School was contacted by Nissan Canada regarding its sponsorship support program *Back in the Game*. The program is designed to support high schools across Canada that are finding challenges having twelve-man football teams. Overall, there are twenty-one schools receiving support; however, only two schools are receiving significant levels of support -- Eastglen being one

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of them. In July Nissan flew the football coach and football player representative for the announcement of the *Back in the Game* program. Since the announcement, Eastglen School and the football team in particular, has received tremendous financial support amounting to over \$28,000. These funds were directed by Nissan to provide new equipment, opportunities and renovation of a new football locker room. Along with the funding, a video series is being created entitled *Back in the Game*. A film crew from Los Angeles has been working with the school and the football team since August creating a series of inspirational videos. As a culminating activity, Nissan is flying the Eastglen football team and the coaching staff for a weekend at the Grey Cup in Vancouver. The impact this program has had at the school level has been tremendous, creating an incredible energy and student pride in being an Eastglen Blue Devil. The coaching staff has promoted the importance of team building and character development as the most critical elements of its coaching. The Blue Devils had an outstanding season. They made the playoffs for the first time in four years. It is amazing to see the impact that something as simple as playing football can have on a student's life.

Trustee Ip advised that, yesterday, he and Trustee Hoffman attended the *We Day Alberta* event hosted by Free the Children. *We Day* participants contributed over fourteen million volunteer hours this past year. *We Day* student participants can only attend the event if they earn their way by volunteering or committing to service projects in their own schools. Over one hundred students from Edmonton public and separate schools attended. The themes for the day focused on social and educational empowerment. There were various speakers and musical acts. He noted there were approximately 200,000 students and supporters participating in the event in fourteen *We Day* cities across Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Trustee Adams thanked the Confucius Institute for a very rewarding trip to China she participated in last week.

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

- Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. – The 3rd Annual *FUNdraising with Style* fundraiser at Princess Florence Handbags will take place with ten percent of the proceeds going to the Foundation. Princess Florence Handbags will also provide ten percent of their sale proceeds between November 14 and 30, 2014 to the Foundation.
- Thursday, November 27, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. at 8:00 p.m. - The South Edmonton Business Association (SEBA) will hold a fundraiser at the Century Grill with one hundred percent of the profits going to the Foundation. Tickets (\$20 each) are available [online](#).

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- November 14, 2014 and November 27, 2014 from 11:50 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. – Foundation information sessions will be held 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.

Trustee Adams noted that, as she had previously reported, the *Dine and Diss* event held on October 14, 2104 in recognition of Dr. Sandra Woitas' service in promoting full-kindergarten, raised \$27,000 for the Foundation. There are now seven full-day kindergarten classrooms being funded in the District.

Trustee Johner, the Board's representative on ASBA Zone 23, reported that the ASBA Zone 23 Annual General Meeting held on October 24, 2014. The following individuals were elected at the meeting:

- Zone Chair – Cheryl Dumont
- Zone Vice-Chair – Colleen Holowaychuk
- Director 2 – Lorna Misselbrook
- Director 2 Alternate – Dorcas Kilduff
- Labour Relations Committee – Ron McKay and Dorcas Kilduff
- Labour Relations Committee Alternate – Irene Sawyer
- Edwin Parr Committee – Joan Crockett, Jennifer Tuininga and Colette Zahar
- Advocacy Committee – Richard Gilchrist, Elohne Chizawsky and Heather Wall
- U of A Field Experiences Advisory Committee – Glenys Edwards
- U of A Field Experiences Advisory Committee Alternate – Susan Kathol

Trustee Johner noted the audited financial statement was also approved at the October 24, 2014 ASBA Zone 23 Annual General Meeting. The next regular Zone 23 meeting will take place Friday, November 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Draper requested that information be provided regarding how many early learning students have a reassessment in their coding moving from severe to mild/moderate from one year to the next, and of those, how many access transportation (this could be based on trend or average for the past few years). What would that translate in transportation costs for those children for one year?

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Trustee Hoffman requested that information be provided regarding the learnings that have emerged from the pilot of the Grade 3 student learner assessments. This information should include strengths, challenges and how we as a district can relay feedback to Alberta Education in support of ensuring student success.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment (4:20 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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