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Board Meeting #14

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 31, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Ray Martin
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Lisa Austin
Grace Cooke
Jim Davies
Ron MacNeil

Lorne Parker
Kent Pharis
Madonna Proulx
Heather Raymond

Darrel Robertson
Sandra Stoddard
Mike Suderman

Board Chair: Michael Janz

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President and Gloria Lepine, Chief Steward

The Board Chair called the meeting to order with recognition that we are on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

The Board Chair advised that the firm alarm system at the Centre for Education is a Two Stage alarm system. Stage One is a single repeating alarm tone indicating a warning only and that evacuation is not required. Stage Two is a triple repeating alarm tone indicating that evacuation is required.

A. O Canada 

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 Adams:

**“That the agenda for the May 31, 2016 board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair shared that Ms. Brandi Rai, newly elected executive of the Alberta School Councils’ Association (ASCA) was present and that Brandi is a parent from Garneau as well as Parkland County and that she will bring a very unique perspective to the ASCA.

The Board Chair advised that he and the Superintendent met with Mayor Iverson to discuss some of the pressures around growth challenges in the City and looks forward to working together as partners in revitalizing mature neighbourhoods. He shared that they also discussed the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

The Board Chair thanked the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation, the Jim Cuddy Trio, Trustee Martin and everyone at Riverbend High School for organizing a wonderful night of entertainment on Friday, May 27, 2016. The event was a very successful fundraiser in support of full day kindergarten programs.

The Board Chair welcomed Ms Grace Cooke, General Council to Edmonton Public Schools.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent acknowledged Ms Gail Brierley and Mr. Ron Thompson of the Superintendent’s Community of Practice in Education committee who were present for the meeting.

The Superintendent advised that on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 he was accompanied by Trustee Martin in attending the launch of the Edmonton Sarah McLachlan School of Music at Eastglen School.

The Superintendent shared that the School of Music was founded in the Vancouver area and has been serving socially vulnerable youth there for close to fifteen years. To help celebrate the launch of Edmonton’s program, students from the Vancouver school were flown out to perform as part of Wednesday’s event.

The Superintendent expressed his excitement about this partnership and the shared values between the two organizations. He explained that the School of Music is about more than just quality music programming – the School of Music’s mandate is to serve youth who come from socially vulnerable or complex circumstances and through music help these youth develop the skills, attitudes and confidence that will enable them to lead thriving and fulfilling lives.

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This initiative is the result of a three way partnership between the District, The School of Music and Sun Life Financial whose generosity and social commitment in funding the start-up dollars for the Edmonton program.

The School of Music intends to develop long term roots here in the Edmonton area. The initial launch is starting out with programming at Eastglen and Rundle schools in the spring, support to summer programming at both these sites in July and intention to reach out to additional schools in the Eastglen catchment in September.

As the program grows and develops the Superintendent is looking forward to attending events in the future and in seeing the District's students shine through the opportunity of music and the efforts of caring and committed adults.

The Superintendent extended a special thank you to Mrs. Nancy Petersen, Director – Strategic Planning, for her hard work on the partnership with the Sarah McLachlan School of Music and for representing the District in such a first class manner as always.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #13 – May 17, 2016

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held May 17, 2016 be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

H. Reports

2. 2015-2016 Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation Summary

Information was provided regarding the 2015-2016 Superintendent of Schools' evaluation.

3. Strategic Plan Update: Engaged and Effective Governance - Legacy Course

The Trustees received a presentation regarding the District's Legacy Course which highlighted the impact of youth engagement and demonstrated progress relative to the goal “Engaged and Effective Governance”.

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I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Adams shared that on May 27, 2016 the Way In Conference was held at J. Percy Page School where over eight hundred Grade 7 students from Edith Rogers, TD Baker, Kate Chegwin and Dan Knott schools gathered to talk about mental health issues and concerns. It was a very relevant and meaningful event providing resources on dealing with mental health issues such as healthy relationships, mentorship, addictions and asking for help and support. Trustee Adams advised that Ms Amanda Welliver was the key note speaker who delivered messages regarding overcoming obstacles and developing positive mental health attitudes.

Trustee Draper thanked and commended the staff and students of M.E. LaZerte School for doing an exceptional job of hosting the Board of Trustees at a meeting on May 24, 2016.

Trustee Chubb shared that Trustees Adams, Ip, Martin and himself along with Minister Eggen, Minister of Education, and representatives from BMO and numerous charities joined two hundred plus Grade 3 District students to celebrate the students' entrepreneurial spirit at the 2016 Entrepreneurial Adventure Showcase.

The students heard Minister Eggen speak on the benefits of hands-on learning as well as from a representative from BMO on how much members of the BMO team enjoyed working with the students and staff of all the schools. Trustee Chubb stated that not only did the students learn about business, they also raised over \$20,000 for various charities chosen by the students.

Trustee Chubb noted that while all schools did an excellent job with their projects the Northmount School students and teacher Melanie Thorson; Garneau School students and teachers Kaylee Borgstrom and Linda Jarman; Greenfield School students and teacher Jill Patrick received local awards for their efforts. Each award-winning school had \$100 donated to their charity of choice by BMO in their honour.

In addition, Elmwood School students and teacher Alyssa Mayer received a national award for raising \$1,522.22 for the Mustard Seed Society and other poverty related charities. As recognition of the Elmwood students' hard work, \$500 was donated to the Mustard Seed Society.

Trustee Chubb congratulated all students for their excellent work and thanked all the participating teachers and school administrators for making this a great learning experience. He also thanked BMO and The Learning Partnership for facilitating this great experience for the students.

Trustee Stirling congratulated the graduating students of WP Wagner and McNally and thanked those schools for inviting her to share in their celebrations.

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Trustee Stirling thanked the organizers of the Edmonton Muslim Achievement Awards Night for a warm welcome to their celebration of student achievements on May 20, 2016.

Trustee Stirling shared that it was a pleasure to join with her colleagues in the celebration of the District's Excellence in Teaching Award semi-finalists and that she was especially proud to witness students from the debate club at A Blair McPherson, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Trustee Stirling thanked Mill Creek School for inviting her to join in their annual spring fiesta on May 28, 2016 and shared that the student performances were outstanding. She said that was great to see such broad participation from staff, current and former students and their families, and members of the Ritchie community.

Trustee Stirling advised that the Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education, visited WP Wagner School on May 30, 2016 to make an announcement for the new chair of the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board. Trustee Stirling shared that it was a great opportunity to showcase the good work that is being done in the District's schools and the importance of the Registered Apprenticeship program in relation to Career Pathways.

- J. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** - None
- K. **Notices of Motion** - None
- L. **Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**
- M. **Adjournment (4:25 p.m.)**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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