

**DATE:** June 14, 2016

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Michelle Draper, Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #7 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held May 31, 2016)

**ORIGINATOR:** Dr. Sandra Stoddard, Executive Director Governance, Strategic Services and Support for Schools, Corporate Secretary

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4  
[Trustees' Handbook](#) – Section 6 – Board Committees  
[School Act](#) - Section 61

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#### ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendations were approved at the May 31, 2016, Caucus Committee meeting:

#### Naming of New Schools 2017

1. *That nine names for new schools be approved and announced at the June 21, 2016, Board meeting.*

#### **BACKGROUND – Recommendation 1**

Criteria for naming schools are defined in Board Policy EA.BP - Infrastructure Planning Principles which states that, "preference shall be given to the names of persons who have made a valuable contribution to education and/or to the community at large." The process to be used is described in Administrative Regulation EF.AR - Naming of Schools. Formal naming of a school will support the development of a unique identity for each school community.

#### Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Bylaws and Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

2. *That the Edmonton Public School Board amend Motion 1B/SGM2016 – ASBA Proposed Budget 2016-2017 as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016 proposing a 50% membership fee reduction with the balance subsidized from the 4,163,149 ASBA Reserves.*
3. *That the Edmonton Public Board support Motion 2A/SGM2016 Bylaw 1 – Definitions and Interpretation (regarding the definition of "Special General Meeting") as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016 .*

4. *That the Edmonton Public Board amend Motion 3A/SGM2016 Bylaw 2 – Entitlement of Full and Associate Members as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016 proposing that membership is voluntary and that an additional “Health Plan Membership” category be included providing members of ASBA access to the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP).*
5. *That the Edmonton Public Board support Motion 4A/SGM2016 Bylaw 5 – Board of Director Members as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016.*
6. *That the Edmonton Public Board support Motion 5A/SGM2016 Bylaw 6 – Representation and Voting at Board of Directors Meetings and at Executive Committee Meetings (as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016.*
7. *That the Edmonton Public Board support Motion 6A/SGM2016 Bylaw 8 – Board of Directors Powers and Duties as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016.*
8. *That the Edmonton Public Board support Motion 7A/SGM2016 Bylaw 11 – Special General Meetings as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016.*
9. *That the Edmonton Public Board support Motion 8A/SGM2016 – Create a tier of membership as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016.*
10. *That the Edmonton Public Board support Motion 9A/SGM2016 Audio record of ASBA board meetings as outlined in the ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016.*

**BACKGROUND – Recommendations 2 - 10**

As members of the ASBA, the Board must determine its position on the ASBA’s proposed 2016-2017 budget and proposed bylaw amendments and vote at the ASBA Spring General Meeting (SGM) on June 6, 2016, in Red Deer.

The Edmonton Public School Board remains committed to assisting the ASBA to improve their service to members, transparency and accountability. On April 29, 2016, the ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee met to review the ASBA’s Budget and Bylaws 2016 and prepared recommendations 2-10 for the Board.

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