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**Board Meeting #15**

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, June 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Sherry Adams  
Orville Chubb  
Michelle Draper

Nathan Ip  
Michael Janz  
Cheryl Johner

Ray Martin  
Bridget Stirling

**Officials**

Angela Anderson  
Grace Cooke  
Ron MacNeil  
Kathy Muhlethaler

Lorne Parker  
Kent Pharis  
Madonna Proulx  
Darrel Robertson

Sandra Stoddard  
Mike Suderman

**Board Chair:** Michael Janz

**Recording Secretary:** Shirley Juneau

**Staff Group Representatives**

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 Trustee Gibson was absent. All other Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

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### **MOVED BY Trustee Ip:**

**“That the agenda for the June 14, 2016, board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **D. Recognition of National Aboriginal Day**

#### **1. National Aboriginal Day**

The Board celebrated National Aboriginal Day which is held annually on June 21st to acknowledge the contributions and histories of the First Nation, Métis and Inuit in Canada.

### **E. Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair thanked Mr. Allen Bolstad for his nine years of service as Executive Director of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL). The Board Chair advised that Mr. Bolstad was instrumental in bridging Edmonton community leagues and their local schools on many initiatives throughout Edmonton such as traffic safety around schools, advocating for new schools and joint use of school facilities. He also noted that the EFCL has advocated on the District’s behalf to the Provincial government regarding new schools.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the District, the Board Chair wished Mr. Bolstad a very happy retirement.

### **F. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent advised that he received a letter from the Edmonton Regional Collation informing him that Ms. Lyndi Blackwell, Ms Christina Scharfsma, Ms Debra Duffett and Ms. Loretta Strachan were the successful recipients of the Edmonton Regional Coalition Education Award for Inclusive Education.

### **G. Minutes**

#### **2. Board Meeting #14 – May 31, 2016**

### **MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #14 held May 31, 2016 be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

There were no registered speakers for this item.

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### **I. Reports**

3. Report #7 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held May 31, 2016)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the May 31, 2016 Caucus Committee meeting.

4. Strategic Plan Update: Success for Every Student – First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students

The Trustees received a presentation for this item.

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

5. Approval of the 2016-2017 Budget

**MOVED BY Trustee Draper:**

**“1. That the 2016-2017 Budget of \$1,121,997,593 be approved.**

**And;**

**2. That the budget report for the year ending August 31, 2017 be approved.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6. Locally Developed Courses

**MOVED BY Trustee Ip:**

**“That the following Locally Developed Courses be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools until August 2020:**

- **Aboriginal Studies 7-8-9**
- **Film Studies 15-25-35**
- **Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety 35**
- **French as a Second Language Grade 1 to Grade 9**
- **Theatre Performance 15-25-35 (3)”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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### **7. Student Demographic Forecast – External Consultant**

Information was provided regarding a student demographics forecast for the City of Edmonton and Edmonton Public Schools.

### **8. Support for Teachers – Addressing Mental Health Needs of Students (Response to Request for Information #157)**

The report was provided in response to a request for information.

## **J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Chubb reported that he attended his first pipe ceremony with Elder Jerry Wood and his wife Gisele at Prince Charles School. He shared that this particular pipe ceremony attended by Grades 5 and 6 students, staff and community members commemorates the end of the school year, asks for prayers for a safe summer for all the students and their families and blessings for the Grade 6 students as they get ready to move to junior high. For the Grade 5 students, the ceremony prepares them for their role as leaders at Prince Charles next year.

Trustee Chubb thanked Principal Toews and her staff in organizing and hosting this scared celebration.

Trustee Chubb shared that Trustee Martin and himself attended the Shaw Conference Centre's pARTnership Gallery Celebration on June 13, 2016. Also in attendance with the 200 plus students, siblings, parents and grandparents were Catholic School Board Chair Bergstra along with Edmonton Catholic Trustees Acheson and Grell. All were inspired by Aaron Paquette's key note address directed to the student artists to keep creating.

He advised that pARTnership is a joint effort with Edmonton Public Schools, Edmonton Catholic Schools and the Shaw Conference Centre to public display student art. The juried artwork will be on display for a year where approximately 250,000 people will view the display. The collection will be part of The Works Art & Design Festival this year.

Trustee Ip reported that he brought greetings at the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association Annual Awards Ceremony along with Trustee Stirling. He also had the honour of attending the Lillian Osborne School launch of *Bridging of Two Worlds* - a book written by the English as Second Learning students at Lillian Osborne School in partnership with the Edmonton Public Library. Trustee Ip thanked the parent council members who attended the final Ward H Network Schools Council gathering of the year.

Trustee Janz reported that he brought greetings from the Board of Trustees to the Student Senate Organizational meeting on Friday, June 10, 2016. He shared that students gathered to

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get to know incoming Student Senators & District staff that will support them. They will learn about the purpose, origin & role of the Student Senate in the District and how it will operate within the broader governance structure of Edmonton Public Schools. There were 31 of 34 students, representing District high schools. Next steps for the Student Senate include a fall election for three Student Trustees, Chair and Vice-Chair. The Student Senate will have meetings throughout the year and will provide reports to the Board of Trustees three times per year.

Trustee Janz stated that he's looking forward to working with the Student Senate to engage students from across District schools, which will provide student voice to the Board of Trustees and District Administration on specific initiatives and supporting student governance in the District.

Trustee Janz attended the Tamarack Deepening Community event in Edmonton held June 7-9, 2016 and is looking forward to deepening the District's relationships with community partners that helps strong schools build strong communities.

Trustee Janz also attended the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) teacher bargaining event in Red Deer on June 5, 2016, and the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) Spring General Meeting on June 6, 2016.

Trustee Janz gave a special thanks to all staff that planned such a beautiful Reconciliation Day on June 3, 2016. He also thanked everyone who supported the District's 176 staff, students, and families that marched in the Pride Parade on June 4, 2016.

Trustee Johner provided an update on the following Edmonton Public Schools Foundation events:

- Fort Edmonton Blatchford Hangar Gala. The program, food, silent auction and local band "Jakked" were all well received. She thanked the Riverbend School for raising awareness and funds for the Foundation.
- As part of the District's Engaged and Effective Governance Legacy Course, the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation has fortunately been adopted by students from Queen Elizabeth and M.E. LaZerte schools.
- The May 27, 2016 Jim Cuddy Benefit Concert hosted by Riverbend School's Student Leadership Team was a huge success. The Tipaskan Kinders made their debut and a Fort McMurray couple was the highest bidder on the Martin Kerr home performance evening.
- On June 3, 2016 at William Hawrelak Park the Maanaw Seva Association hosted the 2016 Walk for Children's Future to support a few District schools and the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation.

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Trustee Johner advised that Sun Life Financial is hosting an Edmonton Multicultural 2016 Talent Show and that the proceeds will be donated to the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation. This event will showcase Edmonton's diverse local talent. Contest registration is from June 1 to August 7, 2016, with an event scheduled for September 17, 2016.

Trustee Johner was honoured to attend the District's Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony at the Centre for Education. She commended the student from Queen Elizabeth high school who created the amazing artwork which is now featured in the District's First Nations Métis and Inuit poster that has been distributed to all 203 schools. She expressed her appreciation for the ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

Trustee Stirling shared that along with Trustee Chubb, she was honoured to attend the Joy of Ramadan event at Rahma Mosque. She explained that the dinner celebrated interfaith and intercultural sharing and community building and offered an opportunity to learn more about Ramadan, a contemplative time of fasting and peace for our Muslim friends.

Trustee Stirling reported that on June 4, 2016, the Edmonton's Pride Parade was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our sexual and gender minority students, staff, and families and the strong allies who are involved in Gay-Straight Alliances.

Trustee Stirling advised that on June 5, 2016, she was invited to share information about the District's Punjabi second language, Cogito, and other program options with women from Edmonton's Punjabi community and to discuss how families can become more involved in their schools. Following the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association Awards on June 5, 2016, Trustee Stirling was pleased to represent the Board of Trustees at the sponsorship dinner.

Trustee Stirling shared that she was proud to bring greetings at the District's Honouring Celebration for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit graduates. She was especially honoured to join in the pipe ceremony, participate in the round dance and to welcome Grand Chief Tony Alexis to the event.

- K. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** - None
- L. **Notices of Motion** - None
- M. **Next Board Meeting Date**: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
- N. **Adjournment** (5:50 p.m.)

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Michael Janz, Board Chair

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