

MINUTE BOOK

Board Meeting #16

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 21, 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

Lisa Austin
Grace Cooke
Ron MacNeil
Kathy Muhlethaler

Lorne Parker
Madonna Proulx
Heather Raymond
Darrel Robertson

Sandra Stoddard
Mike Suderman

Board Chair: Michael Janz

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President

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.

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C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

**“That the agenda for the June 21, 2016 board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Recognitions

1. Michael A. Strembitsky Award Recipients

The Board Chair announced that the following students as recipients of the Michael A. Strembitsky Award of Excellence:

- Gold Medal – Darshina Dhunoo from Strathcona School
- Silver Medal – Joshua Lau from M.E. LaZerte School
- Bronze Medal – Stephanie Li from Old Scona Academic School

2. School Name Honourees

The Board Chair announced the nine new schools names as selected by the Board of Trustees:

- Allard School – Dr. Lila Fahlman
- Chappelle School – Donald R. Getty
- Granville School – Kim Hung
- Hudson School – Hilwie Hamdon
- Laurel School – Svend Hansen
- Secord School – David Thomas King
- The Orchards – Jan Reimer
- Walker School – Shauna May Seneca
- Windermere – Constable Daniel Woodall

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

E. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair acknowledged National Aboriginal Day. He advised that on June 14, 2016 a National Aboriginal Day celebration was held at the public Board meeting to allow First Nations, Metis and Inuit staff to support celebrations in schools across the District today, June 21, 2016. The Board Chair advised that the District provides continued support of reconciliation through education and collaborative partnerships with schools and the community.

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The Board Chair acknowledged Dr. Heather Raymond, Managing Director of Inclusive Learning and Mr. Jim Davies, General Counsel for their dedication to the District and on behalf of the Board of Trustees wished each of them both happy retirements.

F. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent thanked the Trustees, school and central staff, parents and community partners for making a difference in the lives students. The Superintendent shared that he is excited for what the future has in store for the students of Edmonton Public Schools as we continue to transform the learners of today into the leaders of tomorrow.

G. Minutes

3. Board Meeting #16 – June 14, 2016

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #15 held June 14, 2016 be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

The Board Chair thanked the Communications and IT Departments for the development and facilitation of the excellent presentations the Board of Trustees receives.

I. Reports

4. Report #8 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held June 14, 2016)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the June 14, 2016 Caucus Committee meeting.

5. 2017-18 School Year Calendar

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That, the 2017-18 District Calendar be approved.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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6. Borrowing Resolution

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

“That, the borrowing resolution, with respect to the Edmonton Public School District No. 7 with the Bank of Nova Scotia be approved to August 31, 2021.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Delegation of Authority – 2017 Summer Recess

MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:

“That, in accordance with Sections 67(1), 65(2) and 65(3) of the School Act, any special board meetings during the 2016 summer recess be at the call of the Board Chair or, in his absence, the Board Vice-Chair.

2. That, in accordance with Section 61(1) of the School Act, effective June 21, 2016, delegation of authority to the Superintendent of Schools to make decisions during the 2016 summer recess on behalf of the Board be approved.

3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first public board meeting in the fall of 2016.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Johner reported that on June 17, 2016, the Riverbend School held an assembly and presented a cheque of 63,500 to the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation. Funds were raised through a variety of activities hosted by the school’s Student Social Youth and Justice Group, which included a Spin-a-Thon, Gala Dinner and Silent Auction, Student Art Auction, Hockey Helps Kids Video and the Jim Cuddy Benefit Concert. This is an outstanding example of the philanthropic initiatives being undertaken by District students.

Trustee Johner advised that the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation is once again the charity recipient for the edMUDton Urban Adventure Mud Run, which is scheduled for September 24, 2016, at Chappelle Gardens. It is a challenging 5K course run with 10 plus obstacles for individuals, teams and families. On September 23, 2016, there will be MuttMudder Challenge for dogs.

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Trustee Martin advised that on June 17, 2016, he attended an award ceremony at the Lawton Junior High School and the Eastglen High School graduation.

Trustee Martin shared that this morning, June 21, 2016; the Victoria School of Arts unveiled a new mural for the North gymnasium. Over the past three months the Aboriginal Studies class and Indigenous student leaders in collaboration with artist Adrian Loudon and Elder Gary Moostoos have been working on the new mural to replace the existing one. The new mural will re-imagine the Indigenous - Canadian relationship, creating a new legacy of reconciliation and hope in the space.

Trustee Stirling thanked the Namaha leadership for meeting with her to discuss the needs of Edmonton's Keralan community. She shared that it was good to hear the excitement for new school construction in south Edmonton and the continued support of the community for programs such as Cogito, which reflects the continuing positive relationship between the District and Edmonton's diverse Indo-Canadian community.

In recognition of National Aboriginal Day, Trustee Stirling thanked the First Nations, Metis and Inuit staff for their dedication in supporting both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and the District's work toward reconciliation in education. She also thanked the indigenous families and communities for their support, generosity, patience and wisdom as we continue to grow in our understanding.

Trustee Stirling noted that June 19-25, 2016 is Refugee Week which is an international week to celebrate the contribution of refugees and promote understanding of why people seek sanctuary. She advised that newcomer families are welcome in the District's schools, and is proud of the work the staff do to ensure these students have their educational needs met.

Trustee Stirling reminded the District's federal partners of the important role that schools play in settlement and the need to provide resources to school districts to do this work. Trustee Stirling advised that the District has not yet received a response from federal representatives regarding the District's letter highlighting the financial need in supporting Syrian students in our schools.

Trustee Janz advised that some work will continue during the summer months which will include discussions regarding the Municipal Government Act and the planning and preparation for an expected 95,000 returning students to the District.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Chubb requested that Administration advise what role the District may have in the development of the new education curriculum.

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Trustee Ip served notice of motion for the September 6, 2016 Board meeting:

In response to the changing needs of communities and families, I move that the Edmonton Public School Board advocate to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Infrastructure to include community flex spaces attached to new schools and replacement school builds, over and above required learning space that could support wrap-around services such as childcare.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment (4:00 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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