

MINUTE BOOK

Board Meeting #12

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, April 26, 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

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Jim Davies
Ron MacNeil

Kathy Muhlethaler
Kent Pharis
Madonna Proulx
Heather Raymond

Darrel Robertson
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 all Trustees were present.

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C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

**“That the agenda for the April 26, 2016 board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that May 17th is International Day against Homophobia. He stated that this day belongs to no one individual; rather it's about people hoping for a prejudice-free world that can provide a place at the table for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation. Inspired by all world theme-days, this day is set aside to fight homophobia needs to be appropriated by all of those actively involved in civil society: gay and lesbian community organizations, those organizations focusing on other types of sexual diversity, unions, employers, private businesses, governments, public administration, professional associations, and all individuals seeking equality.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that Mental Health Awareness Week is May 2-8, 2016. He stated that a focus on positive mental health for students, families, schools and communities contributes to building a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and nurtures a sense of belonging and positive sense of self. Students who are mentally healthy are better able to achieve success, are more resilient and are more likely to build healthy relationships.

On Wednesday, May 4, 2016, teachers and students can show their support for positive mental health by participating in *Hats On! For Mental Health*, and is sponsored by the Alberta Teachers' Association, the Canadian Mental Health Association and Global TV.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #11 – April 19, 2016

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held April 19, 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

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“That the Distribution of Funds for the 2016-2017 budget be approved.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

There was a short break in the meeting.

3. Strategic Planning – Success for Every Student

The Trustees received a presentation from Abu Bakr Al-Rabeeah, a Syrian refugee student from Highlands Junior High school.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustees provided verbal reports.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None**K. Notices of Motion - None****L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.****M. Adjournment (3:45p.m.)**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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