

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #13**

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 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Ray Martin
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Lisa Austin
Ron MacNeil
Kathy Muhlethaler
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

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.

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B. Roll Call: (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that Trustee Johner was absent. All other Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

**“That the agenda for the May 17, 2016 board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair shared that Mr. Brady Sherard's Allendale Junior High tour band won the Adjudicators' Choice Award at the Alberta Band Association Festival; basically, for the de facto best band in Alberta.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent thanked everyone in the District for all that is being done to welcome students that have arrived from Fort McMurray due to the recent fires. He explained that this is an unprecedented situation, and that he appreciated everyone's flexibility, patience and, most of all, willingness to help kids no matter what.

He advised that the District has never enrolled potentially hundreds of kids in the middle of May before and that it is important that to hold the kids who are coming to the District close. Being in school will give them a familiar structure and stability in the midst of chaos and uncertainty. He thanked everyone for doing what the District does best: loving them so they can learn, have fun, and feel safe and hopeful about the future.

The Superintendent announced that the following school leaders from Edmonton Public Schools have been selected as recipients of the 2015-2016 Distinguished Leadership Award which is presented by the Council for School Leadership of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

He explained that the Council for School Leadership Distinguished Awards creates a learning community of outstanding principals and assistant principals throughout Alberta, who can share professionally, interact collegially and act as mentors to new colleagues. These individuals are considered role models in a vibrant network of educational leaders with the confidence and capabilities to lead innovative change for 21st century learning.

The 2015-2016 Distinguished Leadership Award recipients are:

- Ms Diane Brown
- Ms Judith Boyle
- Mr. Brad Burns

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- Ms Laurie Caines
- Ms Tanis Marshall
- Mr. Mike Morison
- Ms Shauna Paul
- Ms Linda Speelman

The Superintendent announced the District's new Summer Institutes. The Summer Institutes are a series of sessions for teachers that last between 3 to 5 days and are delivered the week of August 22. Topics have been selected based on the feedback received from staff on specific professional development topics to help address the complex needs and success of the District's students.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #12 – April 26, 2016

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #12 held April 26, 2016 be approved as corrected.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board of Trustees heard from Mr. Rory Koopmans regarding the District's outstanding support for the students and families of Ft. McMurray, AB.

H. Reports

2. Report #6 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meetings Held April 26, 2016 and May 3, 2016)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the April 26, 2016 and May 3, 2016 Caucus Committee meetings.

3. A Culture of Excellence and Accountability – Internal Dashboard

The Board of Trustees received a presentation regarding the status of the Internal Dashboard Project, a high level overview of the tool, and information regarding how the dashboard will directly impact collaboration, classroom programming, school planning, and resource allocation.

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

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4. 2016-2017 Non-Resident Fees and 2017-2018 International Student Program Fees

MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:

“1. That the proposed 2016-2017 Non-Alberta Residents and Special Needs Non-Residents fees, be approved.

And;

2. That the proposed 2017-2018 International Student Tuition fee of \$12,000 and the International Student Application fee of \$250 be approved.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – 5:00 p.m.

There were no registered speakers for this item.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Draper congratulated the students of Riverbend Junior High for hosting a wonderful fundraising event for the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation in support of full day kindergarten. Trustee Johner was also in attendance at the fundraising event.

Trustee Ip congratulated the students and staff of Westbrook School who raised over \$5000 for the Red Cross in support of Fort McMurray evacuees. Students raised money by bidding on their favorite teacher to be dunked in a bucket of water. Trustee Ip shared that he also participated in the event and was very lucky to be bid on by students.

Trustee Ip acknowledged the efforts of the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association who held a fundraiser in support of Fort McMurray evacuees. He expressed that these were just two examples of the countless number of acts of support and kindness by staff and students of our District.

Trustee Janz advised that on May 10, 2016 he met with five out of seven of the Calgary Board of Education trustees and discussed emergent details of pressures facing both boards. On May 12, 2016 Trustee Janz met with the Minister of Education and the Metro School Board Chairs and provided feedback related to the budget. On May 13, 2016 Trustee Janz attended a meeting with Municipal Affairs regarding the Municipal Government Act. On June 5, 2016 Trustee Janz will be attending a meeting with the Teacher Employer Bargaining Association.

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Trustee Janz provided an update on behalf of Trustee Johner with respect to the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 Committee. He advised that at the April 22, 2016 Zone 2/3 meeting a presentation was given by the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP) and learned that ASBA appointed several trustees to ASEBP to participate in out-of-province travel including such locations as Hawaii for professional development. He stated that it is unclear how much out-of-province or country travel is scheduled, what per diems the ASEBP has allocated for such travel or if there will be disclosure for expenses incurred. Trustee Janz indicated that on April 25, 2016 a letter was sent to ASEBP requesting additional information regarding this matter and that the ASBA Zone 2/3 Committee will report back to the trustees at a future Board meeting.

Trustee Janz will be attending the Friday, May 27, 2016 ASBA Zone 2/3 General meeting in Trustee Johner's absence. He informed everyone that the ASBA Spring General meeting is scheduled on June 6 and 7, 2016 in Red Deer, AB.

Trustee Martin shared that on May 5, 2016 he attended a musical theatre that was hosted by the students of Eastglen who performed the classic *Little Shop of Horrors*. He extended congratulations to the staff and performers.

Trustee Martin advised that the 13th Annual Community Art Fundraiser was held at the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts on April 29th and 30th, 2016. A student art exhibition and sale featured art work created by students of the City Centre Education Partnership Schools. Proceeds of the art sale support the art programs of Delton, John A. McDougall, Norwood, Oliver and Spruce Avenue schools.

Trustee Stirling shared her appreciation to the amazing team of staff, students, parents and volunteers who put together the Celebration of Musical Connections on May 5, 2016 at the Winspear Centre. A collaboration of music teachers from WP Wagner, Queen Elizabeth, and Hardisty schools saw the world premiere of *Where the Red Fern Grows*, a composition by award-winning composer Julie Giroux. She expressed that it was a delight to hear our students' musical talents, celebrate our incredible band programs, and welcome Ms. Giroux as a guest conductor for the event.

Trustee Stirling advised that she was pleased to celebrate the achievements of students across the District at the Ismaili Students' Total Achievement Recognition (ISTAR) awards on May 8., 2016. This event recognized the accomplishments of students from Edmonton's Ismaili community in the areas of Academic Excellence; Youth Leadership; Community Service; Sports; Arts and Culture; and Math, Science and Technology. Founded in Edmonton 31 years ago, the awards are now an annual national celebration of student achievement for that community.

On May 12, 2016 Trustee Stirling attended the retirement celebration for teachers Helene Magus, Hanya Bahniuk, and Barbara Filipowski from Holyrood School who combined have more than 100 years of collective service to the District and education.

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Trustee Stirling recognized the efforts of Edmonton Public District support services staff in their assistance to the Fort McMurray evacuees currently staying in Lister Hall at the University of Alberta. Their onsite assistance and the work to coordinate access to schools for the children currently staying in the residence have been amazing. Trustee Stirling experienced the impact on families first hand when she spent time there as a volunteer, and how the services provided truly made a difference for the displaced students.

- K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None**
- L. Notices of Motion - None**
- M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**
- N. Adjournment (3:55 p.m.)**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michael Janz, Board Chair

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