

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #6**

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, January 17, 2017 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

Lisa Austin
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Kent Pharis

Madonna Proulx
Leona Morrison
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.

A. O Canada 

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

**“That the agenda for the January 17, 2017 board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair announced that Maintenance Employees' Appreciation Day is on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. To show the District's appreciation for their contributions in helping to make sure schools and offices are safe, healthy and secure, the District has created a Maintenance Employees' Appreciation Day video. It is available on SchoolZone, Staff Room and the District's social media accounts. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Board Chair thanked all the maintenance employees for their hard work and dedication in supporting staff and students.

The Board Chair reported that together with Metro School Boards he attended a meeting with Minister Larivee regarding the *Modernized Municipal Government Act* (MMGA) pertaining to amendments the government is contemplating and advocated for issues that are important to the District.

The Board Chair shared that he had an opportunity to meet with the Student Senate and thanked the Administration for supporting this initiative and advised that the Student Senate will be meeting with the Board of Trustees at a future Board meeting.

The Board Chair advised that he met with ABC Technologies who are developing career pathways initiatives.

The Board Chair advised that the Superintendent, Ms. Mills and himself met with MacEwan University to discuss ways to support education and continued learning to achieve a goal of more educational assistants for school districts.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent welcomed everyone back to what is going to be a very productive school year. He shared that high school students are busy preparing for diploma exams and explained that this is a very focused and productive time of year.

The Superintendent shared that the District is preparing to open 11 new schools in the coming year. He advised that principal announcements will be posted later in the week for the new schools as well as replacements in current schools.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #5 – December 13, 2016

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

"That the minutes of Board Meeting #5 held December 13, 2016 be approved as printed." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

H. Reports

2. Governance and Evaluation Committee Terms of Reference and Work Plan for 2016-2017

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the Board approve the Governance and Evaluation Committee Terms of Reference and 2016-2017 Work Plan.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

3. First and Second Reading of Bylaw to Amend the Trustee Ward Boundaries

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“1. That Bylaw No. 2017-1 be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“2. That in accordance with Section 69 of the *School Act*, Bylaw No. 2017-1 be read for the first time.” (CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“3. That in accordance with Section 69 of the *School Act*, Bylaw No. 2017-1 be read for the second time.” (CARRIED)

The Board Chair advised that on January 31, 2017, a recommendation report will be submitted requesting third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2017-1.

4. Bereavement

Vice-Chair Draper reported on the passing of Mr. Bernard (Bernie) Walkemeyer.

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

Mr. Mike Tachynski spoke to the Trustees regarding teacher awarded marks in comparison to diploma examination marks.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

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Trustee Draper advised that on December 13, 2016, she attended the Horse Hill Community League meeting. At the meeting, there was discussion regarding options families had for their children's education, especially those living in the Brintnell community, their designated schools, and that community members reinforced their desire for new school construction in the Pilot Sound (McConachie) area based on the growing population in the northeast end of the city.

Trustee Draper shared that on December 14, 2016, she and Trustee Johner attended the North Edmonton Business Association's 2016 Holiday Celebration and Business Mixer. She stated that it was wonderful to connect with local businesses and see many colleagues from City Council present and that a portion of the funds raised from the evening went to support the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation.

Trustee Draper reported that prior to the holidays she attended many school celebrations, including Belmont's Family Night, John Barnett, Balwin and Homesteader's turkey lunch and the Kirkness School concert. She shared that it is wonderful how schools throughout the District offer a variety of events to bring families together to celebrate the holiday season, making the schools warm and welcoming environments. Trustee Draper shared a special thanks to all the staff, students, parents and school communities who put so much work into these events to make them successful.

Trustee Stirling shared that on Saturday, January 21, 2017, Rutherford School will host the annual *For the Love of Rutherford* fundraising concert which will be held at Cite Francophone featuring Edmonton musicians Jessica Heine, Lorna Lampman, Beth Portman, and Amy Van Keeken. She advised that tickets are available from the school or at the door.

Trustee Adams expressed her sincere thanks to everyone for their support and kindness during her absence.

The Board Chair called a recess at this point in the meeting and advised that the meeting would reconvene at 4:15 p.m.

- K. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** - None
- L. **Notices of Motion** - None
- M. **Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**
- N. **Adjournment (4:20 p.m.)**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Michael Janz, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director, Board and
Superintendent Relations