

**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 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:****Trustees**

Sherry Adams  
Orville Chubb  
Michelle Draper

Nathan Ip  
Michael Janz  
Cheryl Johner

Ray Martin  
Bridget Stirling

**Student Trustees**

Jacob Dunn

Molly French

Andrew Li

**Officials**

Lisa Austin  
Todd Burnstad  
Grace Cooke  
Lorne Parker

Ron MacNeil  
Karen Mills  
Leona Morrison  
Kent Pharis

Darrel Robertson  
Mike Suderman

**Board Chair:** Michelle Draper

**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 fire 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 Gibson was absent. All other Trustees were present.

### **C. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Adams:**

**“That the agenda for the June 6, 2017, board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

The Board Chair recognized the District’s Support Staff and expressed that their dedication helps the District provide students and families with an excellent education. She explained that Support Staff are represented by CUPE Local 3550.

The Board Chair reported that on March 17, 2017, the Administration and CUPE Local 3550 signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to conclude a new collective agreement. She stated that it is important to the Board and to the District to have strong, collegial and positive working relationships with staff groups and union representatives. The Board Chair thanked all Support Staff and expressed that they are appreciated very much.

The Board Chair reported that on Friday, May 26, 2017, she had the opportunity, as part of the ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Awards Banquet, to have dinner with Bethany Briones, from Ormsby School, along with her family and colleagues. The Board Chair referenced the March 7, 2017, public board meeting, where four outstanding nominees for the Edwin Parr Award first year teachers were recognized. She explained that Bethany was the nominee who was selected to represent Edmonton Public Schools at the finals and that it was amazing to hear from all 19 nominees from the Zone 2/3 school divisions. She said that although Bethany was not one of the two teachers selected to move on to the next round, the Board is very proud of her and of all the District’s first-year teachers for the great and important work they do every day.

The Board Chair reported that Edmonton Public Schools, Edmonton Catholic Schools and the City of Edmonton collaborated to host a series of Reconciliation in Education events. On Friday, June 2, 2017, she, Trustees Ip, Johner and Stirling, along with many District staff and students attended the ceremony and Smudge Walk at the Centre for Education to commemorate the second anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s closing ceremony in Ottawa. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, a blanket was contributed as a symbol of the District’s commitment to ensure all students are safe, secure and connected and that the District reconfirmed its commitment from the previous year. The Board Chair thanked the staff in the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit unit for facilitating this important event.

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

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The Superintendent advised that as part of the Walk for Reconciliation and on behalf of the District he committed a stole which is symbolic of graduations as it wrapped around First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children as they crossed the stage this year. He advised that the District's commitment is ongoing to ensure the success of all children and support them as they transition through the world of post-secondary school and the world of work into something that will bring them dignity and fulfilment throughout their lives.

The Superintendent shared that it is graduation season and offered his congratulations to all students that are commencing this year from Edmonton Public Schools. The Superintendent thanked the Trustees for offering their time to share words of wisdom at each of the graduation ceremonies and shared that it is meaningful and appreciated by the students and their families.

The Superintendent reported that on May 25, 2017, the Learning Partnership hosted an Entrepreneurial Adventure event showcasing the ventures of 300 students from 25 Edmonton public elementary schools. He shared that the classes collaborated with BMO and EPCOR business mentors to develop a business with the proceeds going to various charities chosen by the students.

The Superintendent congratulated Riverdale, Coronation and Roberta MacAdams Schools who all won local awards, and Greenfield School for winning the National BMO Innovation Award in recognition of their project supporting a classmate with Tourette's Syndrome.

The Superintendent congratulated Brett Polowy, the principal of Rio Terrace School who was awarded an Alberta Distinguished Leadership Award from the Alberta Teachers' Association Council for school leadership on May 19, 2017.

### **F. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #15 – May 23, 2017

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

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #15 held May 23, 2017, be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

Mr. Adil Pirbhai suggested that the singing of O Canada also be in French.

Mr. Adil Pirbhai spoke to the Trustees regarding naming District properties after people that are still living. He was against this practice.

### **H. Reports**

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2. Student Senate 2016-2017 Work Plan

The Trustees received a presentation regarding the Student Senate 2016-2017 work plan.

There was a short break in the meeting.

3. Highlands School Consolidation Project – Consideration to Close Montrose and Mount Royal Schools

**MOVED BY Trustee Chubb:**

**“1. That the Board approve a motion to consider closure of Montrose School.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That the Board approve a motion to consider closure of Mount Royal School.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“3. That the Board approve a motion for the Board Chair to send a letter to the Minister of Education requesting exemption from Sections 4 through 7 of the *Closure of Schools Regulation (Alberta Regulation 238/1997)*.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. First Reading Board Policy - HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“1. That Board policy HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct be introduced.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That Board policy HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct be read for the first time and approved for posting on the District website for stakeholder input.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Locally Developed Courses

**MOVED BY Trustee Ip:**

**“That the following Locally Developed Courses be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools until August 2021.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

- Advanced Governance and Public Policy 15-25-35 (5 credit)
- Audio 15-25-35 (3 credit)
- Aviation 35-3
- Biodynamics 9
- Botany 8

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- Braided Journeys 15-25-35 (3 credit)
- English Critical Reading and Writing: Prose 35-5
- Film and Media Art 15-25-35 (3 and 5 credit)

There was a short break in the meeting.

6. Motion re: Sharing Nutrition Pilot Evaluation Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“That Edmonton Public Schools share the findings from Dr. Sharma’s evaluation with Alberta Education and that the Board of Trustees advocate to Alberta Education in support of ensuring a robust evaluation component in Phase 2 of the provincial nutrition pilot.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

7. Motion re: Joining the Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta

**MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“That Edmonton Public School Board become a member of the Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta.”**

**(CARRIED)**

8. Motion re: Treaty 6 Flags

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“1. That the Board of Trustees recognizes our relationship with Treaty 6 and Métis people by flying both the Treaty 6 and Métis flags outdoors at the Centre for Education.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That the Board of Trustees purchase both the Treaty 6 and Métis flags to be provided as a gift to all District schools and other District sites to display in recognition of our relationships ~~with~~ as Treaty people.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Martin left the meeting.

9. Motion re: Third Party Panel Study of Operational Services of School Jurisdictions

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“1. That the Edmonton Public School Board initiates a blue ribbon, third party panel to study efficiencies in operational services of school jurisdictions across the province in all**

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**education spending to ensure that resources provided to the classroom are maximized and front line staff are protected.”**  
**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. The Edmonton Public School Board allocates \$10,000 from the Board initiative fund to cover meeting expenses and incidentals of the panel.”**  
**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Following two rounds of Trustee questions, Trustee Janz referred motions 1 and 2 to the Audit Committee for a response by December 2017.

10. Human Sexuality Education and Voluntary Student Organizations  
(Response to Request for Information #212)

Information was provided in response to Request for Information #212.

Trustee Adams requested that information regarding the Alberta survey pertaining to curriculum changes be sent to all Trustees.

**MOVED BY Board Chair Draper:**

**“That the June 6, 2017, Board meeting continue past the 6:00 p.m. deadline in order to complete all items on the agenda.”**  
**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Shared Approach to Curriculum Implementation  
(Response to Request for Information #218)

Information was provided in response to Request for Information #218.

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

Trustee Adams reported that in the last two weeks she has had the privilege of bringing greetings on behalf of the Board at the following celebrations:

- Grade 9 Farewell Celebration at Michael Strembitsky.
- Grade 12 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students Honouring Celebration.
- Recognition of the District’s Education Assistants.

Trustee Adams highlighted:

- The success of the new school Meet and Greet sessions, for the Shauna May Seneca and Jan Reimer schools which were held at the Michael Strembitsky School with very good parent representation for both meetings.

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- That the Community Multi-Cultural Carnival Event at Grace Martin School was very well attended and another example of schools reaching out to their community and embracing the various cultures within the school.
- On June 2, 2017, the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) conference took place in Red Deer, Alberta, and that she had the privilege to attend with Trustee Johner.
- On June 6, 2017, the Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) business meeting took place in Red Deer, Alberta, and that she had the privilege to attend with Trustees Ip, Janz and Johner.

Trustee Chubb reported that he attended the new school meeting for David Thomas King School on June 1, 2017. He acknowledged all the work of Principal Karbonik and the staff and that it was wonderful to see the students excitement in June for the first day of school.

Trustee Draper reported that on June 1, 2017, she and Trustee Ip attended the Beijing Opera Festival, which was co-sponsored by the Confucius Institute in Edmonton. She expressed that it was a marvelous performance of Chinese art and culture. Trustee Draper shared that performers put on several activities and workshops at some of the District's schools.

Trustee Ip reported on the following events:

- May 30, 2017, he and MLA Bob Turner hosted a town hall meeting to engage community members in a high level conversation about designing schools as community hubs. There was a robust discussion about imagining innovative and collaborative community and learning spaces within schools and the desires of community. Trustee Ip thanked all community members who attended and representatives from a number of organizations including the Edmonton Public Library, the City of Edmonton, the Early Years Coalitions, and the Family Centre. He shared that he and MLA Turner hope that this will be the first of a series of informal community conversations in southwest Edmonton and he thanked Lillian Osborne School for hosting them.
- On May 27, 2017, he was very pleased to bring greetings at the Alberta Chinese Language Bridge Competition which was hosted by the Confucius Institute of Edmonton. He share that over 140 students from all over Alberta competed in the Chinese Culture and Language Competition and that one student will have the opportunity to be recommended to the World Chinese Bridge Contest in China later this year.
- On May 30, 2017, and on June 3, 2017, he had the pleasure of attending two Meet and Greet events for Donald R. Getty School and Constable Daniel Woodall Schools respectively. He said that it was an opportunity for students and parents to meet the principal and teachers of their new schools. Trustee Ip thanked Principal Steenwinkel, Principal Gordy and their teams for their hard work in welcoming their school communities.
- On June 4, 2017, he and Trustee Stirling had the honour of attending the Annual Edmonton Chinese Education Bilingual Association Awards ceremony where he brought greetings on

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behalf of the Board. He shared that, this year, dozens of students were recognized for achieving academic excellence in Chinese language learning and congratulated all award winners.

- On June 2, 2017, he and Trustee Johner toured the School Nutrition Pilot at Norwood School.
- On June 10, 2017, Trustee Ip will be hosting his 4th annual Southwest Family Fun Day in partnership with the Southwest Early Years Coalition at Dr. Margaret- Ann Armour School from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He advised that there will be free activities and a barbeque for all, including a resource fair for parents and community members.

Trustee Stirling reported on the following events:

- On May 25, 2017, W.P. Wagner School hosted the Honouring Ceremony for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit graduates. She said that it was truly moving to see so many students and their families celebrating this important milestone and to join in the pipe ceremony, feast, and round dance to honour these amazing youth.
- On May 26, 2017, she attended the Edmonton Early Years Coalitions City Wide Collaboration meeting, hosted by the Southeast Edmonton Early Childhood Community Coalition, which brought together coalition members and early childhood stakeholders from across the city to imagine what comes next for supporting our youngest citizens.
- On May 27, 2017, The Escuela Mill Creek School Fiesta was held, which is one of the highlights of the Ritchie community calendar. The event was filled with music, dance, and laughter and she was delighted to see not only students and families but also so many of the neighbours coming out to enjoy the day and support of the school.
- On May 28, 2017, she attended a movie production of Kultar's Mime, which tells the story of four Sikh children who survived the 1984 Delhi massacre, drawing the audience to consider the District's shared humanity and commitment to ending injustice and violence, wherever it may be found.
- On May 31, 2017, she was delighted to meet many of the families who will be attending Svend Hansen School this fall. She enjoyed hearing the buzz of excitement as the new school design was revealed and to talk to excited students who were meeting their new teachers for the first time.
- On June 3, 2017, the Reconciliation in Education event offered an important opportunity to recommit to reconciliation in District schools. She was honoured to have the chance to be a part of the event at the Centre for Education as well as the walk to Edmonton Catholic School Division's Sacred Heart Centre and on to City Hall to share in the District's commitment with the City of Edmonton as the proclamation was read.



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- On June 4, 2017, she, Vice-Chair Martin, Trustee Ip, and Assistant Superintendent Ron MacNeil were invited to the CUPE Local 474 barbeque. She thanked CUPE Local 474 for the invitation.
- On June 4, 2017, she attended the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association Awards, and was pleased to represent the Board at the Sponsors Banquet along with award recipients, their families, and the generous community partners who support the scholarships and awards many of the District's Mandarin bilingual program students receive. She explained that the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association took the opportunity to celebrate the contributions of outgoing president Stephen Tsang, who has served the District's students and their families in his role for the last four years.

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None**

**K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Draper served notice of motion that the Board of Trustees write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs advocating for a lowering of the municipal voting age from 18 to 16 years of age.

**L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.**

**M. Adjournment (6:10 p.m.)**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Michelle Draper, Board Chair

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Karen Mills, Director of Board and  
Superintendent Relations