

**MINUTE BOOK****Board Meeting #10**

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, March 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:****Trustees**

Orville Chubb  
Michelle Draper  
Ken Gibson

Nathan Ip  
Michael Janz  
Cheryl Johner

Ray Martin  
Bridget Stirling

**Officials**

Grace Cooke  
Todd Burnstad  
Ron MacNeil  
Karen Mills

Kathy Muhlethaler  
Lorne Parker  
Kent Pharis  
Madonna Proulx

Leona Morrison  
Darrel Robertson  
Mike Suderman

**Board Chair:** Michelle Draper

**Recording Secretary:** Shirley Juneau

**Staff Group Representatives**

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President  
CUPE Local 474 (Custodial) – John Vradenburgh, President  
CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) – Carol Chapman, 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.)

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

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

**MOVED BY Trustee Ip:**

**“That the agenda for the March 7, 2017, board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

The Board Chair advised that on March 1, 2017, she had the honour of bringing greetings at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edmonton Public Schools Night of Music. In attendance with her were Vice-Chair Martin, Trustees Chubb, Stirling and Ip and Superintendent Robertson. There were also several staff groups in attendance and many of the District’s Leadership Team.

The Board Chair shared that Edmonton Public Schools is proud to offer school music programs and classes that encourage students to pursue their musical talents. She stated that music is a powerful force of expression and a tool to enrich student learning experiences. The theme for the evening was music *From the Head and the Heart*. The Board Chair thanked everyone who played a part in this wonderful and successful event.

The Board Chair reported that she had the opportunity to attend the Speech from the Throne, at the Alberta Legislature. On behalf of Edmonton Public Schools, the Board Chair advised that Edmonton Public Schools is pleased to see that *Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees* and the funding to support it has been tabled. This Bill, if proclaimed, will bring greater consistency to fees charged to parents in all school districts across the province. The Board Chair advised that Edmonton Public Schools supports every measure to ensure public education is affordable for all parents and children. She stated that if Bill 1 is passed, it will come into effect in the 2017 -2018 school year.

The Board Chair stated that the government intends to fund more new school construction, which is necessary to respond effectively to Edmonton's rapid growth.

The Board Chair advised that March 8, 2017, will be the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women’s Day. The 2017 theme is *Be Bold for Change*. International Women’s Day was created as an opportunity to recognize women around the world for their political, economic, and social achievements.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Board Chair thanked all women working within the District, who make vital contributions to student learning, public education and the success of Edmonton Public Schools.

The Board Chair thanked the teachers from the District who are working on the province’s new curriculum development. She said that the Board is very proud that dozens of Edmonton Public School’s staff are assisting Alberta Education in this work.

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She explained that curriculum development is a normal and ongoing part of education which the District will continue to support. Some of the District's curriculum is 30 years old, so the District's students and teachers need updated materials.

The Board Chair stated that the Board wants to ensure a safe and respectful learning and working environment for the District's staff, even on their projects outside the classroom.

Staff working on the new curriculum development should not be subjected to an unprecedented public outing. The focus must be on the product of work, not the people creating it. The Board Chair encouraged Albertans to provide input into the curriculum development process by participating in the government's public consultations or by contacting the Minister of Education.

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

The Superintendent extended a warm welcome to the Edwin Parr award nominees, their families, principals and staff that were present to celebrate and to recognize to the contributions of the first year teachers.

### **F. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #9 – February 28, 2017

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**"That the minutes of Board Meeting #9 held February 28, 2017, be approved as printed." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **G. Recognition**

2. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

Ms Bethany Briones, a teacher at Ormsby School, was selected as the District's honorary nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

There was a short break in the meeting.

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

There were no registered speakers for this item.

### **I. Reports**

3. Strategic Plan Update – Quality Infrastructure for All

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The Trustees received a presentation and information regarding quality infrastructure for all.

4. Process and Timeline for the 2017-2018 Budget

### **MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

- "1. That in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook, the Caucus Committee unanimously approve consideration of Recommendation 2." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**
- "2. That the Process and Timeline for Review of the 2016-2017 Results and the 2017-2018 Plans be approved." (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Staff Group Presentations re 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

Mr. Nels Olsen, President of Local 37 of the Alberta Teachers' Association presented the Local's brief.

John Vradenburgh, President CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff), presented the Local's brief.

Ms Carol Chapman, President CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff), presented the Local's brief.

The Board Chair thanked Ms Chapman, Mr. Olsen and Mr. Vradenburgh for their presentations and advised that a response to the staff group presentations will be prepared for public board.

### **Additional Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair reported that she, Trustee Ip, the Superintendent and several others from the Leadership Team attended the High School Culinary Awards event at the Shaw Conference Centre. She shared that not only was the meal fantastic, but out of the 17 teams competing from across Edmonton and area, Edmonton Public Schools reigned supreme. The Board Chair reported that Jasper Place High School was awarded first place and M.E. LaZerte School second place. She shared that two students from Harry Ainlay School received full scholarships to NAIT and that a student from Jasper Place was awarded the Pastry Chef Scholarship. The Board Chair expressed that these accomplishments are exemplary examples of the District's career pathways work. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, she congratulated everyone involved.

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

Trustee Stirling reported that she attended the International Women's Day event on March 5, 2017, at City Hall. She shared that this event celebrated the achievements of women and the gains made in social, political, and economic equality while also recognizing the need to

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continue to work to improve the conditions of women's lives both here at home and around the world.

Trustee Stirling said that education plays a key role in creating equity for girls and women and opens doors that might once have seemed impossible, and in turn, the full participation of girls and women uplifts entire communities. She thanked everyone in the District for their contributions to improving gender equity in our schools and our world.

#### **K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Ip requested that the Administration provide a brief report on how traffic pressures on Terwillegar Drive is impacting school bus ride times and the District's ability to transport students in south east Edmonton to schools, both to and from designated schools and alternative programs.

#### **L. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Janz served notice of motion that the Edmonton Public School Board advocate to the Government of Alberta to develop a framework to ensure Public schools get a fair and equitable share of schools, modernizations, portables, and capital project spending.

**M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.**

**N. Adjournment (4:30 p.m.)**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Michelle Draper, Board Chair

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Karen Mills, Director Board and  
Superintendent Relations