

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #11**

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 21, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Orville Chubb
Michelle Draper

Nathan Ip
Michael Janz
Cheryl Johner

Ray Martin
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil
Lorne Parker

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 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 Gibson was absent. All other Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

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MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

**“That the agenda for the March 21, 2017, board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that March 21st is the annual United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. She explained that racial and ethnic discrimination occurs every day, hindering progress for millions of people around the world. Racism and intolerance can take various forms, from denying individuals the basic principles of equality to fuelling ethnic hatred that may lead to genocide, all of which destroy lives and fracture communities.

The Board Chair stated that the first article of the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”. She advised that the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination reminds every one of our collective responsibility for promoting and protecting this ideal.

The Board Chair reported that on March 11, 2017, she was honoured to congratulate the amazing students at the Strathcona High School on the 2017 Scona Initiative - Hope in Motion campaign. She advised that the students gave their time and energy by participating in a 24 hour bike-a-thon and raised \$466,881 for the Jack Davis Hope Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping low-income families who are facing costs associated with the care of their ill children. She said that this is a wonderful example of the District’s student’s representation as community leaders and demonstration of excellent citizenship. The Board Chair thanked everyone involved in making this event a success.

The Board Chair advised that on March 16, 2017, she attended the unveiling of the budget at the Legislature. She stated that the Edmonton Public School Board has long advocated for predictable, sustainable funding for education. The Board is pleased to see the government’s continued commitment to funding enrolment growth.

The Board Chair said that Edmonton Public Schools expects to welcome about 3,000 more students next year bringing the District’s enrolment to approximately 98,000 students. With the government’s commitment to funding enrolment growth, the Board anticipates that this will result in an additional \$20 million in base instructional funding alone. The Board Chair stated that funding enrolment growth is key to ensuring the District’s students have access to the programming and supports they need.

The Board Chair reported that the Alberta Government announced that that the Edmonton Public School District will be receiving two new schools and one modernization school project:

The new schools will be:

- The Meadows (junior high school) and
- Pilot Sound (elementary school)

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A modernization project has been announced for the Highlands Junior High School.

She said the infrastructure announcements are positive and thanked the government for investing in quality learning environments for students and that the District looks forward to working with the Minister to ensure the education needs of the students and families are met.

The Board stated that the District is also looking forward to more details from the Government on how Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees will be funded.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that pre-enrolment for 2017-2018 started on March 13, 2017. He encouraged all parents to sign into their SchoolZone accounts to pre-enrol their children by the April 18, 2017, deadline.

The Superintendent advised that parents, student and community can meet their new school communities at information nights for the 11 new schools. He shared that information nights have been held for seven of the new schools. The Superintendent advised that on March 23, 2017, there will be an information night at the Michael A. Strembitsky School where parents, students and community can learn about the Jan Reimer, Shauna May Seneca and Svend Hansen schools and that on April 4, 2017, an information night will be held at the Lawton School to learn more about the Ivor Dent School. He advised that parents, students and community members can drop in any time during the session to meet the principals and talk with District staff about attendance areas, registration, out of school care and transportation.

The Superintendent advised that mature community discussions continue at Highlands School. He explained that the Highlands and Ivor Dent Schools are great examples of the innovation that this Board has shown in terms of dealing with the District's aging infrastructure across the City. The Superintendent thanked the District's Infrastructure team for supplying invaluable data and facilitating community consultations.

The Superintendent reported that community discussions are taking place at Britannia and Westlawn Schools and that he attended the second round of consultations with Trustees Chubb and Gibson last week. He advised that Community Committees have been developed and they have contemplated conceptual designs and locations of potential replacement schools in the Britannia, Westlawn and Rosslyn areas. Meetings were held on March 8, 2017, with the Britannia community, March 15, 2017, and with Westlawn community on March 22, 2017, there will be a meeting for the Rosslyn community.

The Superintendent wished all staff and students a safe and energizing spring break.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #10 – March 7, 2017

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MOVED BY Trustee Martin:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #10 held March 7, 2017, 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

2. Report #3 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held March 7, 2017)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the March 7, 2017, Caucus Committee meeting.

3. Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2021

Information was received regarding the District’s three-year capital plan for 2018-2021. Dr. Parker advised the Board of Trustees that specific project funding announcements were made earlier in the day that will have a significant impact on the priorities identified in the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2021* and that a letter requesting an extension to the submission of the District’s revised capital plan will be sent to the Minister of Education.

4. Motion re Government of Alberta Allocations of Capital Project Funding

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

**“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.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Second, and Third and Final Readying of Policy AE.BP Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

“1. That Board Policy AE.BP Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments be read for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“2. That Board Policy AE.BP Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments be read for the third and final time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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“3. That the eight identified policies relating to AE.BP Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments requiring minor revisions be revised to ensure alignment with the School Act and consistency with the language of AE.BP Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments”. (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Martin requested that the Policy Review Committee consult with the City of Edmonton regarding their decision of March 21, 2017, to fly Metis, Treaty 6 flags at City Hall and that the Committee consider drafting a policy for the District that would align with the City of Edmonton.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Draper reported that on March 17, 2017, she brought greetings to the M.E. LaZerte Catchment Day at the Dr. Donald Massey School. She expressed gratitude for the great work being done by all catchments.

Trustee Draper mentioned that staff from the Blackboard Deli attended a showing of the West Side Story performance at Victoria school to support their work placement students. This is a wonderful example of how District staff go above and beyond to support students.

Trustee Draper shared that she attended the Grade 2 Celebration of Learning at the Edmonton Christian Northeast School. She explained that one of the units the class studied was Exploring Liquids and Natural Resources, which focused on the injustices that surround water in the world; teaching the students about the disparity of water world-wide and the need to conserve. The students compared the ease of access to clean and safe water for us here in Canada with those who do not have enough water, or unsafe water sources around the world. The Grade 2 students felt they needed to seek justice and build community and so the journey of the Grade 2 Water Challenge began.

Trustee Draper advised that the Grade 2 class researched various organizations that build wells for communities around the world and joined the World Renew organization who builds wells and water pumps for \$437 in the countries of Malawi, Mozambique, Cambodia and Guatemala. The class set a target of raising enough money to build four water pumps and wells. The World Renew organization created a link for the Grade 2 Water Warrior’s project where people could donate online and where the class could watch the donation meter get closer to their goal. Trustee Draper shared that in three weeks, the Grade 2 Water Warriors raised \$3,886, which is enough for nine wells and water pumps.

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Trustee Draper shared a video from the World Renew organization thanking the teachers and students of Edmonton Christian Northeast School for their wonderful donation.

Trustee Ip reported that on March 10, 2017, he had the honour to attend and bring greetings at the 35th anniversary celebration banquet of the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association. He shared that several hundred parents, students and community members participated in the celebration which also featured performances by District students.

Trustee Ip advised that on March 17, 2017, he brought greetings at the Professional Development Day for the Harry Ainlay Catchment and that former Prime Minister Kim Campbell was the keynote speaker.

Trustee Ip shared that on March 21, 2017, he attended the information night for the Donald R. Getty, Dr. Lila Fahlman, and Constable Daniel Woodall Schools. He thanked the District staff for putting together a great event for community.

Trustee Johner reported that on March 14, 2017, she attended the new school information night for the Hilwie Hamdon School, opening September 2017, in the Cumberland community located in Ward A. She thanked principal Dorothy Arts, and the District's Planning and Infrastructure departments for their work.

Trustee Johner advised that on March 18, 2017, the Scott Robertson School hosted a fundraising breakfast for their school breakfast program.

Trustee Johner provided an update on the Edmonton Public School Foundation as follows:

On April 27, 2017, the Foundation with the support of Kingsway Mall, will be hosting the student fashion show - Ready to Shine.

On May 5, 2017, the Foundation will host its biggest fundraiser of the year - The Ready for Life Breakfast which will be held at the Lillian Osborne high school on 2019 Leger Road.

Trustee Martin advised that Elder Francis Whiskeyjack and amiskwaciy students have painted a mural at the downtown Edmonton Public School Division building. Trustee Martin read the following quote from Community Liaison Sargent, David Jones, "What an amazing piece of work you've given us", and that he would like to do a proper official unveiling of the mural.

Trustee Stirling congratulated the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association on their 35th anniversary. Trustee Draper was pleased to join in the celebration on March 11, 2017, to celebrate this milestone and share the District's appreciation for their support of Chinese language and culture education in Edmonton Public Schools

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K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Chubb requested that the Administration provide the policies, regulations or legislation in place to assure parents that materials provided to students and sanctioned clubs regarding matters of human sexuality education ensure the District's standards are met.

Also, provide what mechanisms and or processes are in place to ensure the policies, regulations and legislation are being followed.

Trustee Martin requested that the Administration provide information on Actua, a national organization, centered around youth innovation and engagement and indicate if there are any possibilities for them to be of assistance to the District's Career Pathways program.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Draper served notice of motion that the Edmonton Public School Board advocates for the funding of playgrounds for new schools in alignment with the Government of Alberta commitment in the 2020 fiscal plan.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment (3:20 p.m.)

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Draper, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations