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**Board Meeting #17**

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 20, 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**

Angela Anderson  
Grace Cooke  
Todd Burnstad  
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills  
Kathy Muhlethaler

Kent Pharis  
Darrel Robertson  
Mike Suderman

**Board Chair:** Michelle Draper

**Recording Secretary:** Shirley Juneau

**Staff Group Representatives**

Edmonton Public Teachers – Nels Olsen, President  
CUPE Local 3550 – 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 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.

**A. O Canada **

The Prince Charles School Cree Choir sang O Canada.

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

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

**MOVED BY Trustee Ip:**

**“That the agenda for the June 20, 2017, Board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **D. Recognitions**

#### **1. National Aboriginal Day**

The Board celebrated National Aboriginal Day which is held annually on June 21st to acknowledge the contributions and histories of the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit in Canada.

#### **2. Michael A. Strembitsky Award Recipients**

The Board Chair announced the following students as recipients of the Michael A. Strembitsky Award of Excellence:

- Gold Medal – Sarena Lalani from Lillian Osborne
- Silver Medal – Kyle Hennig from Strathcona School
- Bronze Medal – Grace Konrad from Harry Ainlay School

The Board Chair called a 25 minute recess to accommodate a reception for the students and guests.

The Board Chair called the meeting back to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

The Board Chair advised that on Thursday, June 22, 2017, the District will honour retirees. She explained that this is an opportunity to recognize employees who have dedicated years of service to Edmonton Public Schools and thank them for everything they have done for the District and students over the years.

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

The Superintendent provided an update on school construction and advised that the nine schools slated to open in September 2017 are on schedule and that two other schools slated to open in 2018 are also on schedule. The District is looking forward to welcoming 11 new schools to the

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Edmonton Public School family next year. He said that the principals have hosted meet and greet events with families and are holding their first staff meetings. The District is looking forward to welcoming hundreds of students to their new schools.

The Superintendent wished all District staff a wonderful summer break and thanked them for making this an amazing year. He said the District results continue to trend up, high school completion rates continue to rise, dropout rates continue to go down and people are feeling safe, comfortable and welcome in District schools.

### **G. Minutes**

3. Board Meeting #16 – June 6, 2017

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

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #16 held June 6, 2017, be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

There were three registered speakers for this item:

- Mr. Thomas Banks spoke in favour of lowering the current municipal voting age in Alberta.
- Mr. Alex Erickson spoke in favour of lowering the current municipal voting age in Alberta.
- Mr. Nels Olsen, President of Edmonton Public Teachers, thanked the Board, the Superintendent and the District for their hard work. He advised that his term has concluded and announced Ms Heather Quinn, the new President elect.

### **H. Reports**

4. Report #6 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held June 6, 2017)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the June 6, 2017, Caucus Committee meeting.

5. Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget

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

**“1. That the 2017-2018 Budget of \$1,161,205,358 be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That the budget report for the year ending August 31, 2018 be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Motion re: Lowering the Voting Age in Alberta

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**MOVED BY Trustee Draper:**

**“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.”**

**(CARRIED)**

There was a short break in the meeting.

Trustee Chubb left the meeting.

7. Frist, Second and Third and Final Reading – Board Policy CO.BP Fiscal Oversight and Responsibility

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“1. That Board policy CO.BP Fiscal Oversight and Accountability be approved as amended.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That Board policy CO.BP Fiscal Oversight and Accountability be considered for the first, second, and third time at this meeting.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“3. That Board policy CO.BP Fiscal Oversight and Accountability be considered for the first time.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“4. That Board policy CO.BP Fiscal Oversight and Accountability be considered for the second time.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“5. That policy CO.BP Fiscal Oversight and Accountability be considered for the third and final time and approved.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

8. Second and Third and Final Reading – Board Policy ACB.BP National Anthem and Flag

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“1. That Board policy ACB.BP National Anthem and Flag be read for the second time.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That Board policy ACB.BP National Anthem and Flag be read for the third and final time and approved.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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9. Second and Third and Final Reading – Board Policy FBD.BP Designated Holidays

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“1. That Board policy FBD.BP Designated Holidays be read for the second time.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That Board policy FBD.BP Designated Holidays be read for the third and final time and approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. First, Second and Third and Final Reading – Board Policy AE.BP Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“1. That Board policies AA.BP Stakeholder Relations, AD.BP District Vision, Mission, Values and Priorities, AE.BB.BP Wellness of Students and Staff, AGA.BP Recognition of Students, Staff, Parents and the Community, FA.BP Human Resources Framework, FGB.BP Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools, HA.BP Inclusive Education and HFA.BP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity be considered for the first, second and third and final time at this meeting.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That Board policies AA.BP Stakeholder Relations, AD.BP District Vision, Mission, Values and Priorities, AE.BB.BP Wellness of Students and Staff, AGA.BP Recognition of Students, Staff, Parents and the Community, FA.BP Human Resources Framework, FGB.BP Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools, HA.BP Inclusive Education and HFA.BP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity be considered for the first time.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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11. 2016-2017 Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation

An overall summary of the 2016-2017 Superintendent of School's evaluation was provided to the Board for information.

12. Pilot Sound School Library  
(Response to Request for Information #215)

Information was provided in response to Request for Information #215.

13. Bill 1 – Implementation Plan – Instructional and Transportation Fees  
(Response to Request for Information #216)

Information was provided in response to Request for Information #216.

14. International Student Program Fees  
(Response to Request for Information #219)

Information was provided in response to Request for Information #219.

Trustee Janz left the meeting.

15. Before and After School Care – Escuela Mill Creek School  
(Response to Request for Information #221)

Information was provided in response to Request for Information #221.

16. Bereavements

The Vice-Chair reported the passing of Ms Shauna Hein and Ms Kathleen Thomas.

17. Delegation of Authority – 2017 Summer Recess

**MOVED BY Trustee Martin:**

**“1. That in accordance with Sections 67(1), 65(2) and 65(3) of the *School Act*, any special Board meetings during the 2017 summer recess be at the call of the Board Chair or, in her absence, the Board Vice-Chair.”**  
**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“2. That in accordance with Section 61(1) of the *School Act*, effective June 20, 2017, delegation of authority to the Superintendent of Schools to make decisions during the 2017 summer recess on behalf of the Board be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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### **MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first public Board meeting in the fall of 2017.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

There were no registered speakers for this item.

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

Trustee Adams commended Principal Duncan McColl and his staff at Hillview School in Millwoods for some of the great initiatives that are having a direct impact on the District. After nine years at Hillview, and multiple thousands of dollars in grant projects ranging from environmental projects, technology upgrades, after-school programs, artists in residencies, garden boxes, solar panels, and most recently, the Medicine Wheel Outdoor Classroom, Principal McColl will be retiring. As a result of his work, he will be leaving behind a great legacy.

Trustee Adams reported that three years ago, with District support, Hillview School expanded their Early Education classes into a pilot program and became the hub—overseeing and providing support and intervention at three satellite sites: Tipaskan, Ekota and Sakaw Schools. As a result of this expansion, many children were able to receive direct intervention to ready them for Kindergarten, then into Grade one and beyond. She advised that this spring, a new process was utilized to screen new children for the pre-Kindergarten program. As a result of this screening, it became necessary to expand again to a fourth satellite site to be located at Bisset School. The following year, the program expanded again with more classes at two existing satellite sites. The pilot project was deemed a success and was made into a District program, including the name change from Early Education to Pre-Kindergarten. The District has also expanded this model to eight other re-Kindergarten hub sites. In the 2017-2018 school year, there will be 32 schools providing early intervention programming similar to the model Hillview School has established. The District can be very proud of this legacy work that Principal McColl has overseen at the school level, knowing that the District is better able to assist and provide direct support and intervention to children prior to Kindergarten. She explained that early intervention is a key to helping more students get to that finish line and complete high school. Trustee Adams wished the very best to Principal Duncan McColl in his retirement.

Trustee Ip reported on the following events:

- June 16, 2017, he attended the ABC Head Start Literacy Day event.
- June 9, 2017, he brought greetings on behalf of the Board at the CUPE 3550 (Support Staff) retirement banquet.
- June 11, 2017, he presented at the Cappies Gala, celebrating student theatre.
- June 13, 2017, he brought greetings at the Partnership Gala at the Shaw Conference Centre, which is an event that celebrates student art.

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- June 15, 2017, he reported that it was an honour to host the Minister of Education, David Eggen and MLA Thomas Dang at Dr. Margaret Ann Armour School. He reported that the Minister heard directly from parents in Southwest Edmonton and addressed their concerns and questions.

#### Trustee Stirling reported on the following events:

- June 7, 2017, she was delighted to bring greetings on behalf of the Board at the opening of the University Art Show. The display of some of the District's most talented student artists from all age groups will be featured in the hallways of the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta for the coming year, inspiring pre-service teachers, academics, and the campus community through the creativity of students from throughout the District.
- Trustee Stirling congratulated the grads from the Learning Store outreach program. She was inspired to see such a determined group of young people walk across the stage. As well, she congratulated the grads from Braemar and said that it was a heartwarming celebration of the hopeful future they've created for themselves and their little ones. Trustee Stirling said that last of her commencements this year was at Vimy Ridge, which was extra special this year because of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. She congratulated all graduating students.
- June 10, 2017, she was proud to walk with 200 students, teachers, and District staff as well as Trustee Johner in this year's Edmonton Pride Parade. She reported that one of the best parts of the parade was looking into the crowd and seeing so many grownups who remember a time when they were not supported in schools and the hope and love they feel when they see so many students who are included and welcome in Edmonton Public schools.
- June 11, 2017, she attended the Cappies Gala. Trustees Stirling, Draper and Ip had the opportunity to present some of the awards to talented students who were on stage and behind the scenes creating some amazing theatre productions. She congratulated all the recipients of this year's awards.
- June 15, 2017, was the second community meeting for the Escuela Mill Creek replacement project, giving people a first look at the proposed design. Community members, parents, and teachers were excited to see the initial ideas for the school and to share their thoughts. She thanked all who participated and the staff and design team members who worked so hard to put the event together.
- On June 16, 2017, she had the opportunity to join with the Mill Woods area Muslim community in an Iftar dinner. She appreciated this opportunity to meet many students and families from the neighbourhoods and share a meal together as part of the celebration of Ramadan. She thanked the MLAs Christina Grey, Rod Loyola, and Denise Woollard for organizing this event.
- June 17, 2017, she joined in with a small army of volunteers to help plant the community garden for Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) on a formerly vacant lot in King Edward Park. She reported that this garden will grow food and hope for the youth supported by YESS.



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- June 18, 2017, was the Mayor's Pride Brunch in support of Camp fYrefly. This event brings together partners and supporters from around the city who support fYrefly and the Institute for Sexually Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS). She was pleased that Edmonton Public Schools were recognized specifically for the leadership in supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) youth through the District's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) policy, Gay -Straight Alliance (GSAs), Queer-Straight Alliance (QSAs) and continued work on inclusion for sexual and gender minority students, families and staff.

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

**M. Notices of Motion**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**"1. That notice of motion be waived."  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Janz returned to the meeting.

**"2. That the District provide the June 6, 2017, report in response to Request For Information 218 - Shared Approach to Curriculum Implementation to Alberta Education and that Administration identify next steps (e.g., funding request to the Province) for Board consideration be approved."  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**N. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.**

**O. Adjournment: 5:10 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