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Board Meeting #08

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 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Sherry Adams
Shelagh Dunn
Michelle Draper

Trisha Estabrooks
Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip

Cheryl Johner
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Kent Pharis
Darrel Robertson

Mike Suderman
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Michelle Draper

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

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.

The Board Chair advised those attending the meeting in person that the floor area is restricted to the Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Director of Board and Superintendent Relations and Recording staff, with an area reserved for media. She advised that she would signify to any other staff or registered speakers to come down to the floor at the designated time on the agenda. The Board Chair thanked everyone for their cooperation.

A. **O Canada** 

B. **Roll Call:** (2:05 p.m.)

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

C. Recognition

1. Robert C. Clark Award

The Robert C. Clark award recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has contributed significantly to advancing access to information in Alberta.

Ms. Jill Clayton, Information and Privacy Commissioner, presented Ms Maryann Hammermeister, FOIP Coordinator, the 2017-2018 Robert C. Clark award.

D. Approval of the Agenda

The Board Chair requested that agenda Item 7: Motion re: First School Built in New Community be removed due to the absence of Trustee Janz.

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

**“That the agenda for the March 20, 2018, Board meeting be approved as amended.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

E. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that March 21st is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. She shared the 2018 theme is to promote tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity in the context of combating racial discrimination. She remarked that this day reminds every one of the collective responsibility in promoting and protecting this ideal.

The Board Chair reported that she attended the Speech from the Throne on March 8, 2018, and is interested in the provincial budget announcements coming forward on March 22, 2018. The Board Chair remarked that the District’s infrastructure needs continue to be great, in terms of the necessity for new school builds, especially another high school and the deferred maintenance on existing infrastructure. She said this government needs to continue to prioritize investments into education to meet the growing complexities in classrooms and ensure adequate funding exists to support great learning environments for students.

The Board Chair shared that on March 12, 2018, the Shaw Conference Centre was full of chefs, coaches, student teams and supporters and several of the Trustees that cheered on the teams that participated in the High School Culinary Challenge. She advised that the culinary team from Harry Ainlay High School defeated 14 other teams to take gold at the High School Culinary Challenge Awards dinner and bronze went to Queen Elizabeth High School. She explained that teams competed by cooking a three-course meal on

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February 10, 2018, inside NAIT's kitchens and were judged on preparation, timing, sanitation, presentation and, of course, taste.

The Board Chair shared that a member of the M.E. LaZerte Team was awarded one of four scholarships to attend NAIT's culinary apprenticeship program, where students benefit from learning on the job with some of the area's top chefs.

F. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised parents of students currently enrolled at Edmonton Public Schools that pre-enrolment is available through SchoolZone until April 16, 2018.

The Superintendent reported that the Strathcona Initiative Bike-a-thon raised over \$518,000 in support of Earth Group. He shared that this money will provide 100,000 meals for the needy in the Edmonton area and over a million meals for the United Nations World Food Program. He said that in addition to the money raised, 8032 pounds of food was collected for the Edmonton Food Bank. The Superintendent explained that the initiative took about a year to plan and that it was led by teachers Tom Yonge and Jane Grant, involved 1300 students, almost all the staff, lots of alumni and community members including Trustee Estabrooks.

The Superintendent wished all District staff, parents and students a safe and energizing Spring Break. He said that he knows everyone has been working very hard, and that the break will be a great chance to rejuvenate as everyone heads into the last months of this school year.

G. Minutes

2. Board Meeting #07 – March 6, 2018

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting # 07 held March 6, 2018, be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

I. Reports

3. Report # 3 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held March 6, 2018)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the March 6, 2018, Caucus Committee meeting.

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4. Edmonton Student Transportation Authority (ESTA)

An update was provided as a follow up to the approved motion on January 23, 2018. Student transportation administration from Edmonton Catholic Schools and Edmonton Public Schools jurisdictions have met. The two parties are setting ESTA aside and pursuing a more informal shared transportation arrangement to expand shared bus routes and find efficiencies. Work is ongoing and administration has identified 20 routes where buses can be used by both jurisdictions effective September 2018. While students will ride separately, the busses operating on these routes will be shared and the costs and efficiencies will be split between the parties.

Trustee Gibson requested that the actual costs of the shared transportation agreement be included in the fall Board report.

5. Three-Year Capital Plan for 2019-2022

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the proposed capital priorities for modernizations and new construction identified in the Three-Year Capital Plan 2019–2022 be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the proposed capital priorities for modernizations and new construction identified in the Three-Year Capital Plan 2019–2022 be amended.”

(Excerpt from Page 30 of 95 of the March 20, 2018, consolidated Board meeting package)

Priority 2019–2022	Aggregated Priorities	Capacity	Sector	Cost (millions)
Year 1				
1	The Meadows High School 10–12 – Phase I	1,800*	HS	\$79
2	Westlawn Cluster: Concept 2 Space for Students in Mature Communities	1,150	W1	\$25 (of \$40**)
3	Chappelle East K–9	750*	SW	\$28
4	Keswick K–9	950	SW	\$31
5 - 7	Delton Replacement K–6	650	C	\$17
6 - 8	Spruce Avenue Replacement 7-9	450	C	\$15
7 - 5	Glenridding Heights 10–12 – Phase I	1,600	HS	\$58

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8 - 6	Queen Elizabeth Modernization/Replacement	Replacement or Modernization	HS	TBD
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The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Ip and Johner

**OPPOSED: Trustees Adams, Dunn, Draper, Estabrooks, Gibson and Stirling
(DEFEATED)**

The Board Chair called the question on the Motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Adams, Dunn, Draper, Estabrooks, Gibson, Johner and Stirling

**OPPOSED: Trustee Ip
(CARRIED)**

Trustee Gibson suggested that the District consider a block funding model. The Superintendent advised that exploring block funding is one of the priorities of the District's Infrastructure Committee. The Superintendent remarked that assistance from the Board of Trustees' in advocating for block funding would be greatly appreciated.

There was a short break in the meeting.

6. Motion re: Early Development Instrument Program and Early Childhood Coalitions

Trustee Ip advised that funding will be continued until March 31, 2019.

Trustee Ip deferred the following motion to a future Board meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That the Edmonton Public School Board write a letter to the Government of Alberta in support of continued funding for the Early Development Instrument Program and the Early Childhood Coalitions across Alberta.”

7. Motion re First School Built in New Community

This report was removed from the agenda due to the movers absence.

8. Bereavement

The Vice-Chair reported on the passing of Ms Mary-Ann Grimes.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

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Trustee Adams reported that on March 7, 2018, she attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) session for leaders. Topics regarding Governance as Reconciliation, Recognition and Respect - Understanding the Indigenous Perspective were discussed. The sessions included a very thorough presentation of the origin and content of the *Indian Act*, the struggle for the return and recognition of Aboriginal and Treaty rights and a strategy for implementing inherent right of governance.

Trustee Adams advised that on March 15, several Trustees from across Zone 2/3 met with a number of MLAs to advocate for the need for schools. Trustee Adams said that it was a privilege to advocate on behalf of the Board of Trustees the pressing need for funding for mental health, transportation, early education, and the critical need for high schools in Edmonton. She said it was an opportunity to connect with parents and staff within schools and to keep the needs of the District's students before MLAs.

Trustee Draper reported that on March 8, 2018, she attended the second McConachie School visioning session, where the plans for the school were unveiled. She commented that the proposed design was met with great enthusiasm by parents and community members. She thanked everyone involved.

Trustee Draper reported that on March 16, 2018, she attended the Northeast Christian School Council meeting and the Kildare School Council meeting on March 19, 2018. She said that she appreciates the invitations from schools to come out and attend school council meetings as it is a great opportunity to connect and collect valuable input from parents and school staff.

Trustee Dunn shared that it was her first time attending the District's Night of Music. She commented how impressed she was by the talent of the students and their teachers. Trustee Dunn commented that it was a wonderful showcase of the music learning occurring in District schools.

Trustee Dunn reported that she attended the School Council meeting at Edmonton Christian West, learning about the adventures on their school's winter camping trip and the excitement as they plan for a new school building funded through the society.

Trustee Dunn reported that she attended the School Council meeting at Glenora School, and that she learned about the amazing initiatives being undertaken at the school including a student maker space. She shared that she admires the parent group and their advocacy for the needs of the school community while the city undertakes planning for the West LRT.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked community members, neighbours of Rundle School, Minister Deron Bilous and District staff for the Rundle meet and greet held earlier in the week. She commented that it was exciting to see the wide range of courses offered at Rundle School through Metro Education.

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Trustee Estabrooks reported that she had opportunities to visit a number of schools in Ward D in the last two weeks:

She advised that she will be on an upcoming episode of the Highlands School podcast that is all about chess.

Trustee Estabrooks spent the morning with Grade 6 students at Hardisty School talking about local government.

Trustee Estabrooks participated in the Strathcona School Bike-a-thon that raised more than half a million dollars in support of Earth Group, the Edmonton Food Bank as well as the United Nations World Food Program.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked the organizers of the High School Culinary Challenge that was held at the Shaw Conference Centre. She noted that it was a great event that showcased the culinary skills of District high school students. Trustee Estabrooks thanked the McNally students and their culinary teacher, Jody Kachka, for the invitation to join them.

Trustee Estabrooks shared that she had the honour of bringing greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees to the McNally Night of Music which was held at the Winspear Centre for Music. She congratulated the seven music teachers who made this dream a reality and the hundreds of students who performed.

Trustee Johner reported on upcoming Edmonton Public Schools Foundation events:

The 8th Annual Student Fashion Show will be held on April 19, 2018 from 7-9 p.m. at the Kingsway Mall. She explained that the event will be showcasing the amazing clothing design talents of the Fashion Studies students from Harry Ainlay, Jasper Place, L.Y. Cairns, M.E. LaZerte, Ross Sheppard and W.P. Wagner schools. Trustee Johner shared that three piece design collections will reflect the theme: Rock the Runway. She said that the fashion show will also have Kindergarten students from John A. McDougall School walking the runway and to top off the evening, there will be a special guest performance by local singer-songwriter Martin Kerr.

Trustee Johner invited everyone to the annual Ready for Life Fundraising Event on May 4, 2018, at John D. Bracco School. She explained the event is to raise awareness and funds to support full-day Kindergarten programs for children who attend schools in socially vulnerable neighbourhoods and come to the classroom at a disadvantage.

Trustee Johner reported that on March 8, 2018, she attended the ELEVATE Aviation tour and speaker series. She explained that this event was designed to encourage women to enter the aviation industry. Trustee Johner said that some of the women speakers were pilots, aviation mechanics, airport maintenance and technology staff and air traffic controllers. She advised that the District offers Aviation 35 at J. Percy Page High School.

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Trustee Johner reported that Queen Elizabeth High School is teaching and training students about solar panels and she attended the training where she had an opportunity to use a software program showing her how to position solar panels on a roof.

Trustee Stirling reported that on March 6, 2018, she had the opportunity to be a part of the second visioning meeting for the new junior high school in Larkspur. She shared that it was exciting to see so many families, community members, and Edmonton Public teachers and principals from the area present to share their enthusiasm for the new school and how well the community input from the first session was included in the initial plan. Trustee Stirling thanked the District's Infrastructure and Community Engagement staff, architects and construction contractor staff who continue to work so hard to turn the vision for this new school into a reality.

Trustee Stirling thanked the School Council at W.P. Wagner for welcoming her to their meeting on March 14, 2018, for some great conversations about supporting student success, program planning in high school, and space for students in southeast Edmonton. She commented that parents were also excited about the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) option coming to W.P. Wagner.

Trustee Stirling reminded everyone about the joint Mill Woods Trustee Night that she and Trustee Adams will be co-hosting at Ekota School on April 18, 2018, at 7:00 pm. Trustee Stirling encouraged families and community members to come meet their Trustees, ask questions, and learn more about the work of the Board of Trustees. She thanked the Ekota School Council for their help in organizing this event.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Dunn remarked that one of the Board's Cornerstone Values is equity. In light of this value, it is important to make sure that a lack of access to transportation is not a barrier for school attendance. What measures does the District have in place for low-income families to access lower-cost or no-cost transportation services, both for yellow bus service and Edmonton Transportation System?

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Gibson served notice that he will make a motion that the Board of Trustees act on the advocacy points contained in the September 12, 2017, Board report entitled *Shared Approach to Curriculum Implementation to Alberta Education*.

M. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.

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The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Draper, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations