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Board Meeting #14

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 19, 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
Lorne Parker
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 

Ms Christina Hollingworth, a student from Centennial School, sang O Canada in Cree.

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

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

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“That the agenda for the June 19, 2018, Board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Recognitions

1. National Indigenous Peoples Day

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

The Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards were presented at the Board meeting for the first time. The awards recognize First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path and embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while celebrating the ways of their people.

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 – Andrew Li from Old Scona School
- Silver Medal – Astrid Krueger from McNally School
- Bronze Medal – Zachary Flynn from Eastglen School

The Board Chair called a 15 minute recess to accommodate a reception for students and guests.

The Board Chair called the meeting back to order at 3:05p.m.

E. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair congratulated the 2018 graduates of Edmonton Public Schools.

The Board Chair thanked the Board of Trustees and District staff for their support and commitment throughout the year.

The Board Chair wished everyone a wonderful summer break.

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F. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that as of June 19, 2018, there were only seven days of classes left. He thanked the staff and students for all their hard work in making 2017-2018 a wonderful and successful school year. The Superintendent also thanked the Board of Trustees for all the work they do and the decisions they make, especially for their decision and approval of the Equity Fund, which ensures that all District students have access to what they need for a great education.

The Superintendent wished everyone a safe and happy summer.

G. Minutes

3. Board Meeting #13 – June 5, 2018

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held June 5, 2018, be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board of Trustees heard from Ms Charlotte Nyoungou, Chief Executive Officer, from the Diamond Walk Anti-Bullying Foundation regarding the Walk Against Bullying Campaign.

I. Reports

4. Approval of the 2018-2019 Spring Budget

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

**“That the 2018-2019 Budget of \$1,199,489,913 be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Gibson left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**“That the budget report for the year ending August 31, 2019, be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Implications of the 2017 Federal Budget on Trustee Remuneration

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That Trustee base annum honorarium be increased effective January 1, 2019, to offset the tax implications on both the current base annum honorarium and the advance on travel expenses.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Adams, Draper, Estabrooks, Ip, and Johner

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**OPPOSED: Trustees Dunn and Stirling
(CARRIED)**

Trustee Dunn requested that the 2017 review of Trustee remuneration information be provided to her.

6. Locally Developed Courses

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

“That the following LDCs be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools:

- Arabic Language and Culture Three-year (3Y) 15-25-35
- Arabic Language and Culture Twelve-year (12Y)
- Art and Design: Ceramics 7-8-9
- Art and Design: Drawing 7-8-9
- Art and Design: Painting 7-8-9
- Art and Design: Photography 7-8-9
- Competencies in Math 15
- Guitar 15-25-35
- Learning Strategies 15-25-35 (3 and 5)
- Portfolio Art 35 (3 and 5)
- Punjabi Language and Culture Twelve-year (12Y).”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Estabrooks requested that enrolment numbers for the Punjabi Language Program be provided to the Trustees in a Transmittal Memorandum (TM).

7. First, Second and Third Readings of Board Policies to Align with Legislation:
FA.BP – Human Resources Framework
HFA.BP – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
HG.BP – Student Behaviour and Conduct

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

“That Board policies FA.BP Human Resources Framework, HFA.BP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct be considered for the first, second and third time at this meeting.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“That Board policies FA.BP Human Resources Framework, HFA.BP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct be considered for the first time.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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“That Board policies FA.BP Human Resources Framework, HFA.BP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct be considered for the second time.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“That Board policies FA.BP Human Resources Framework, HFA.BP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct be considered for the third and final time and be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Adams affirmed that the Board of Trustees believes that all sexual and gender minority students, staff and families have the right to have their confidentiality protected and respected. She said that as a District it is important to continue to make it a priority to keep parents, as primary caregivers, involved, as much as possible, in conversations which involve the well-being of their children.

The Board Chair advised that she will send a letter to the Minister of Education advising him that the Board of Trustees unanimously approved First, Second and Third Reading for Board Policies FA.BP Human Resources Framework, HFA.BP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and HG.BP Student Behaviour with required revisions that support alignment to Bill 24: *An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances*.

8. First Reading of Policy HAA.BP – First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

“That Board Policy HAA.BP First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education be introduced.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“That Board Policy HAA.BP First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education be read for the first time and approved for posting on the District website for stakeholder input.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. 2017-2018 Superintendent of Schools’ Evaluation Summary

An overall summary of the 2017-2018 Superintendent of Schools’ evaluation was provided to the Board for information.

10. Shared School Design Models in Saskatchewan

(Response to Request for Information #018)

Information was provided on how shared school design models and operations between Catholic and Public School Boards are operating in Saskatchewan.

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11. Delegation of Authority – 2018 Summer Recess

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That in accordance with Sections 61(1), 65(2), 65(3) and 67(1) of the *School Act*, any special board meetings during the 2018 summer recess be at the call of the Board Chair or, in her absence, the Board Vice-Chair.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“That in accordance with Section 61(1) of the *School Act*, effective June 19, 2018, delegation of authority to the Superintendent of Schools to make decisions during the 2018 summer recess on behalf of the Board be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first public board meeting in the fall of 2018.”

(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 submitted the following written report:

Trustee Adams appreciated the special opportunity on June 6, 2018, to spend time with the principals in Ward I at the District Leadership Management tea that followed the Superintendent’s comments and meeting with the Assistant Superintendents.

Trustee Adams attended the Dan Knott Grade 9 farewell on June 6, 2018. She noted that it was a pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees and to express appreciation for the support that so many give to ensure the success of the graduates.

Trustee Adams reported that the Millwoods Presidents’ Council was held on June 7, 2018, at the Leefield Community Hall. She noted that the meetings provide the opportunity to hear about the activities and community plans from each of the presidents representing their individual community leagues, as well as the work from several elected officials and community organizations that attend. Trustee Adams noted that an important discussion took place regarding the pressing need for a high school in the southeast and that the meeting provided the opportunity for the MLAs and City Councillors to be alerted yet again how critical a school is to the community.

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Trustee Adams advised that the Millwoods Early Childhood Coalition (MWECC) meeting took place on June 8, 2018, and that there was a discussion regarding a possible partnering of Edmonton Public Schools and MWECC to host an early years conference next year. Trustee Adams advised that she will follow up with the Director, Ms Wendy Keiller, before the end of June 2018 to discuss this further.

Trustee Adams thanked MLAs Loyola, Woollard and Minister Gray for the special invitation to attend the community Iftar on the evening of June 9, 2018, celebrating the month of Ramadan for the Muslim community. Trustee Adams appreciated meeting many wonderful people and noted that it was an excellent opportunity to discuss the critical need for a school in the southeast.

Trustee Adams reported that the work being done by parent councils is appreciated very much and that it was encouraging to see the good representation of parents at the last Sakaw and Menisa council meetings. Trustee Adams noted that both Principals McLean and Mulder have established themselves very well in their first year as principals in these schools and have excellent rapport with parents who expressed appreciation for their leadership over the past year and their anticipation for working together in the coming year. She advised that there was a good discussion regarding the role of trustee and that the Sakaw council discussed student dress codes.

Trustee Adams advised that the annual District Retirement Banquet is a very special evening for the Board of Trustees as it provides an occasion to express their appreciation for the dedicated service of many committed individuals and the invaluable contributions made by them for the success of District students.

Trustee Adams noted that it is a highlight for her as a Trustee to bring greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees and to address students as they transition to high school, post-secondary school or on to other things. She looks forward to attending the awards night at Kate Chegwin and T.D. Baker Schools and the J. Percy Page Commencement ceremony.

Trustee Adams will be attending the mural unveiling at the Shauna May Seneca School, Summer Fun Day at Bisset School and a meeting with City Council during the next two weeks.

Trustee Estabrooks had the pleasure of attending a celebration at City Hall School with hundreds of students from Edmonton Public Schools and teacher Linda Hut. She explained that great things happen at City Hall School that impact student lives for years to come and that it was an honour to bring greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Estabrooks along with other Trustees, students from Edmonton Public Schools and her own children, had a great time walking in this year's Pride Parade. Trustee Estabrooks thanked everyone that helped organize Edmonton Public Schools involvement in this year's Pride Parade.

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Trustee Estabrooks congratulated the Eastglen graduates. She advised that the school's commencement ceremony was held on the weekend and that it was a wonderful experience to be among such accomplished and passionate graduates.

Trustee Stirling submitted the following written report:

Trustee Stirling had the honour of bringing greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the annual Public School Administrators Association (PSAA) wine-down and retirement celebration.

Trustee Stirling thanked the Edith Rogers School for welcoming her to their Grade 9 celebration.

Trustee Stirling reported that the Braemar School and Vimy Ridge Academy commencement ceremonies were wonderful evenings of joyful celebration with students, staff, families, and friends. She congratulated all the graduates.

Trustee Stirling reported that the Pride Parade was a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the diversity of the District's student population and the great work of the Gay-Straight Alliances. She noted that it is always so special to see the warmth and love shown to District students every year.

Trustee Stirling represented Board Chair Draper at the 2018 Cappies of Edmonton Gala. She thanked the organizers for recognizing all the hard work of students in performance, theatre arts and publicity.

Trustee Stirling thanked the Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 for welcoming her as the Board of Trustees representative at their retirement celebration. She congratulated all the retirees.

Trustee Stirling attended the Mayor's Pride Brunch and witnessed the many organizations that support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Two-Spirited (LGBTQ2+) youth in the city.

Trustee Stirling thanked the hosts of the Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council (AMPAC) Interfaith Eid Potluck, which brought together representatives of Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and secular communities in a day of community and connection. Trustee Stirling noted that seeing all the children playing together was a reminder of how people are stronger when they are connected to each other and that this happens every day in public education. She said that she is proud of the work the District does to build and strengthen relationships.

L. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Estabrooks requested that Administration provide information on how many District schools have child care spaces. Of those, how many are dedicated spaces? How many are for

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for-profit child care organizations and how many are not-for-profit child care organizations?

M. **Notices of Motion** - None

N. **Next Board Meeting**: Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

O. **Adjournment**: 6:15 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Draper, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations