

**MINUTE BOOK****Board Meeting #07**

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 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:****Trustees**

Sherry Adams  
Shelagh Dunn  
Michelle Draper

Trisha Estabrooks  
Ken Gibson  
Nathan Ip

Michael Janz  
Cheryl Johner  
Bridget Stirling

**Officials**

Angela Anderson  
Lisa Austin  
Todd Burnstad  
Grace Cooke  
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

**Staff Group Representatives**

CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President and Janice Kube, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and Gloria Lepine, Chief Steward

CUPE Local 474 – John Vradenburgh, President

Exempt Staff – Cindy Camp, Occupational Therapist and Barret Weber, Research Consultant

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

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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:** (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:**

**“That the agenda for the March 6, 2018, Board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair announced that the Edmonton Public Schools’ 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Night of Music will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium on March 7, 2018, with this year’s theme being *We Are the Music Makers*. She shared that the purpose of the event is to promote the importance of music education and recognize the musical accomplishments of District students.

The Board Chair advised that March 8, 2018, will be the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women’s Day. She shared that the 2018 theme is *Press for Progress* and that the day was created as an opportunity to recognize women around the world for their political, economic, and social achievements. The Board Chair congratulated all of the women working for the District who make vital contributions to student learning, the work of public education and to the success of Edmonton Public Schools.

The Board Chair advised that The Alberta Teachers’ Association Provincial Executive Council has proclaimed March 12-16, as Substitute Teachers’ Appreciation Week for the 2017-2018 school year. She remarked that substitute teachers play an essential role in maintaining the continuity and excellence of the learning process. The Board Chair explained that the role of a substitute teacher carries the same daily responsibilities of instruction, marking, discipline and supervision as that of regular classroom teachers. On behalf of the Board, she thanked all substitute teachers for the contributions they make in the lives of students and teachers.

The Board Chair reported that on March 6, 2018, she and several of the Trustees joined the Minister Responsible for the Climate Change office to hear an update on the Climate Leadership Plan and mark the arrival of the IPCC Cities and Climate Change Science Conference in Edmonton, Alberta.

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

The Superintendent shared that he will be attending the Night of Music and looks forward to the performances from students across the District. On behalf of the District, the Superintendent thanked everyone involved for the hard work in preparing the students for their performances.

The Superintendent congratulated Team Nugent-Hopkins at Mary Butterworth School who won the Hockey Helps Kids' Charity Cup Challenge last week. He explained that their team will receive \$25,000 from the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation for the charity of their choice, Dogs with Wings. The Superintendent shared that the runners up will each receive \$10,000 for their respective charities. The Superintendent thanked all the schools for doing a phenomenal job and for supporting some excellent local charities.

The Superintendent reminded parents of students currently enrolled in Edmonton Public Schools that the opportunity for pre-enrolment begins on March 12, 2018, and is available until April 16, 2018.

### **F. Minutes**

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

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #06 held February 20, 2018, be approved as printed.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **G. Recognition**

2. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

Mr. David Hamblin of Delton School was selected as the District's honorary nominee for the 2018 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

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

There were no registered speakers for this item.

### **I. Reports**

3. Strategic Plan Update – Curriculum

The Trustees received an overview of efforts being taken in support of curriculum through the strategic use of surplus funds.

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Trustee Gibson requested that the Shared Approach to Curriculum Implementation to Alberta Education – Next Steps report which was presented at the September 12, 2017, Board meeting be sent to the Trustees via a transmittal memorandum (TM). Trustee Gibson explained that the September 12, 2017, report outlines several key advocacy points for Trustees.

4. Motion re Solar Energy Strategy

**MOVED BY Trustee Draper:**

**“That the Board of Trustees presents the District's Solar Strategy to the Province and requests funding for implementation of the plan.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

There was a short break in the meeting.

5. Staff Group Presentations re 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

Ms Cindy Camp and Mr. Barret Weber, representatives for the Exempt Staff presented the Exempt Staffs' brief.

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

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

Ms Heather Quinn, President of the Edmonton Public Teacher's Local No. 37 was unavailable to attend in person. Ms Quinn sent the Recording Secretary a copy of the presentation for consideration.

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

6. Process and Timeline for the 2018-2019 Budget and for the Fall Review of the 2017-2018 Results and Plans for 2018-2019

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“1. That the Process and Timeline for the 2018-2019 Spring Budget and the 2018-2019 Fall Revised Budget be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“2. That the Process and Timeline for Review of the 2017-2018 Results and the 2018-2019 Plans be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

Trustee Dunn shared that it was a pleasure to attend the Poetry Café at David Thomas King School in February, and hear the poems written by students.

Trustee Draper reported that on February 21, 2018, she attended the Steele Heights presentation of "Shrek the Musical" at M.E. LaZerte High School. She remarked that it was a wonderful performance and well done.

Trustee Draper reported that on February 24, 2018, she was pleased to be a part of the northeast Edmonton Lunar New Year event at Londonderry Mall with many other elected officials and community leaders. She explained that this was the third year of this celebration and each year it's gets bigger and better.

Trustee Draper reported that on February 28, 2018, she attended Pink Shirt Day at Balwin School, along with Minister Irfan Sabir and MLA Chris Nielsen. She commented that the school did an amazing job of engaging students and promoting a culture of kindness.

Trustee Estabrooks congratulated the Edmonton Parents' French group for helping to spread the word about the new Early French Immersion program being proposed at Oliver school. Trustee Estabrooks advised that approximately 50 parents attended the event, signifying the desire for French Immersion programming in Edmonton's downtown neighbourhoods.

Trustee Estabrooks extended her thanks to the Greater Hardisty Community Sustainability Coalition for inviting her to speak about the importance of strong, local schools and the benefit of looking at schools as community hubs. She remarked that the meeting was very well attended and congratulated the organizers for hosting such a successful event.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked the students at Nellie McClung program at Oliver School for including her in their "Power of Women" event. She explained that the event was organized by students, for students, and that it was a very inspirational day for women leading up to International Women's Day on March 8, 2018.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked the Norwood School Council for a great meeting that was held at the end of February. She remarked that in the last couple of months she has met some incredibly hard working and dedicated parents who have great fundraising ideas and a passion for making their schools fabulous places.

Trustee Ip reported on the following:

February 23, 2018, he attended the Teachers' Convention and appreciated the opportunity to connect with educators from across the City.

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February 26, 2018, Nellie Carlson School Council hosted a meeting with the Minister of Education, David Eggen, MLA Turner and Trustee Ip. Trustee Ip said that it was an opportunity for constructive dialogue with parents about the state of public education.

On March 5, 2018, Trustee Ip participated in Nellie Carlson School's walkabout as they prepare to launch their active transportation initiative in partnership with Ever Active Schools.

On March 17, 2018, Trustee Ip and Vice-Chair Stirling will be hosting the "I am a Parent" workshop and resource fair in partnership with the southwest Early Years Coalition at Esther Starkman School. Trustee Ip advised that all parents and community members are welcome to register and attend this free event and explained that there will be opportunities to attend mini-sessions and learn about how parents can best support children in early learning and development.

On March 18, 2018, Trustee Ip will be hosting a community coffee event from 1-2:00 p.m. at Waves Coffee on Rabbit Hill Road and welcomed everyone to drop by.

Trustee Johner reported that on March 5, 2018, she and Trustees Dunn, Draper, Estabrooks, and Ip attended the Celebrating Climate Leadership event with Minister Shannon Phillips. She advised the Mr. David Dodge from Green Energy Futures was the emcee and that he shared history and innovative initiatives taking place. Trustee Johner said that Minister Phillips highlighted the present day achievements and how Alberta is reducing omissions and diversifying the economy.

Trustee Johner reported that on March 6, 2018, she had the pleasure of bringing greetings on behalf of the Board to the Change at the Climate -Youth World Café where 12 nations were represented by students from Brazil, China, Columbia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Slovenia, UK, and the USA. She shared that Queen Elizabeth School hosted the event and the Mr. Terry Godwaldt with the Centre for Global Education lead the event. Trustee Johner remarked that Mayor Iveson encouraged students to influence policy makers to move on climate change, Dr. Debra Davidson inspired students with many how to points of advocacy, and Dr. Heather Shewchuk tasked students with various questions.

Trustee Johner advised that the Change for Climate Science Conference is being held on March 5-7, 2018, at the Shaw Conference. She explained that the conference will deliver more than 20 presentations on the current state of climate science, the impacts of climate change and the solutions that exist.

Trustee Stirling reported on the following:

- On February 23, 2018, W.P. Wagner School celebrated student talent at this year's Wagstock event. She explained that the event showcased dancers, singers, musicians, comedians and more. This year's teacher band performance also featured a special guest, former W.P. Wagner teacher and Education Minister David Eggen, who contributed his keyboard and vocal talents. The school also announced that this year's Wagathon

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fundraising event will be in support of the Zebra Child Protection Centre, continuing a proud Wagner tradition of students supporting children in the community.

- On February 27, 2018, Trustee Stirling had the opportunity to attend the Festival of Youth Voices, part of the Change for Climate Community series for the Cities and Climate Change Science conference. She noted that this event, organized by the Centre for Global Education and supported by the Alberta Council for Environmental Education and the City of Edmonton and hosted by NAIT, brought together students from Alberta and around the world to share their experiences of climate change in their community and talk about how to take local and global action on climate change.
- On February 28, 2018, Ecole Greenview School hosted a special event to mark Pink Shirt Day along with Junior ATB Banking Day. She advised that they were joined by the Minister of Education David Eggen and Minister of Labour Christina Grey along with Dave Mowat, Chief Executive Officer of ATB, for an enthusiastic celebration of Greenview's efforts to build a caring, compassionate and inclusive school community.
- On April 18, 2018, she and Trustee Adams will be hosting an information session and meet and greet night for Millwoods families to get to know their Trustees and ask questions about the work of the Board. She advised that the event will take place from 6-8:00 p.m. at Ekota School.

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

**L. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Ip served notice that he will make a motion 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.

Trustee Janz served notice that he will make a motion that the Board advocate to the provincial government that the first school built in any community or neighbourhood be a public school or shared public, separate, and francophone Board facility.

Trustee Janz served notice that he will make a motion that the Board advocate through the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) to the provincial government for increased access to optical and dental programs for Alberta children and youth.

**M. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.**

**N. Adjournment: 4:20 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