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Board Meeting #12

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, May 22, 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
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad

Karen Mills
Lorne Parker
Darrel Robertson
Kent Pharis

Mike Suderman

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: (2:00 p.m.)

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The Superintendent advised that Trustee Ip would be joining the meeting shortly and that all other Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the agenda for the May 22, 2018, Board meeting be approved as printed.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair reported that on May 11, 2018, she and Trustees Dunn, Ip, Johner and Stirling attended the 11th Annual First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Honouring Celebration. The Board Chair advised that 517 self-identified First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students will graduate in the District this year, which is a record number. She congratulated the students, and thanked the staff and families for supporting the students through their learning journey.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent expressed that this is a challenging time of year in District school communities and that students are under pressure with Diploma, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. He explained that there are many expectations as the school year comes to a close and that students are working hard. He said that staff are also working diligently to ensure students cross the finish line successfully. The Superintendent thanked everyone in advance for their efforts.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #11 – May 8, 2018

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held May 8, 2018, be approved as printed.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Trustee Ip joined the meeting.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board of Trustees heard from Ms Cerina Lee from Action on Smoking and Health (AHS) regarding the ASH Model School Board Tobacco Policy and the potential renormalization of smoking that may result from cannabis legalization.

H. Reports

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2. Report #5 of the Caucus Committee (From the Meeting Held May 8, 2018)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the May 8, 2018, Caucus Committee meeting.

3. 2018-2019 Non-Resident Fees and 2019-2020 International Student Fees

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the proposed 2018-2019 Non-Alberta Residents and Special Needs Non-Residents fees be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

“That the proposed 2019-2020 International Student Tuition fee of \$12,500 and an International Student Application fee of \$250 be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Motion re: Elimination of Student Transportation Fees

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That student transportation fees be eliminated through a phased approach over the next four years.”

Following questions and debate by the Board, Trustee Janz advised the Board Chair that he was withdrawing the motion as presented.

Trustee Johner requested information regarding how much the District spends in the transportation of Kindergarten students.

5. 2018-2019 Student Transportation Fees

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

“That an increase to Student Transportation fees be approved for implementation in August 2018 from the following options.”

MOVED BY Trustee Draper that the motion be amended:

“That an increase to Student Transportation fees **as detailed in Option 3 be approved for implementation in August 2018.”**

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Estabrooks, Dunn, Ip, Janz and Johner

OPPOSED: Trustees Adams, Draper, Gibson and Stirling

(CARRIED)

There was a short break at this point.

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MOVED BY Trustee Ip that the amendment be amended:

“That an increase to Student Transportation fees **as detailed in Option 3 as amended be approved for implementation in August 2018.”**

Option 3:

Increase Student Transportation fees by five per cent in September 2018, and five per cent each year going forward during the term of this Board. This would represent an increase of approximately \$1 per month on an elementary bus pass and \$2 per month on junior/senior high bus passes each year. **That the 5 per cent increase for 2018-19 will be drawn from the general operating surplus for this year.**

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment to the amendment.

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Adams

(CARRIED)

The Board Chair called the question on the motion as amended.

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Adams

(CARRIED)

Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board of Trustees heard from Ms Melissa Bovaird and Ms Laura Schuler regarding Edmonton Public Schools dress codes.

6. Heritage Valley High School – City of Edmonton Partnership

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

“That Administration be authorized to conclude negotiations on the funding and design plan outlined in the report with the City of Edmonton to integrate a community recreation wing into the design of Dr. Anne Anderson School.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Locally Developed Courses

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

“That the following Locally Developed Courses be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools:

- **Advanced Dance 25-35 (3 and 5)**
- **Astronomy 15-25-35**
- **ESL Accelerated English 7-8-9**
- **ESL Introduction to Science 7-8-9**

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- ESL Introduction to Social Studies 7-8-9
 - Sculpting (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35
 - Technical Theatre 15-25-35 (3 and 5)"
- (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Recommendations on voting in advance of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) 2018 Spring General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

"That the following recommendations be approved as the voting direction for the Edmonton Public School Board at the ASBA 2018 SGM:

1. Propose an amendment to the budget for a one-time fee reduction of 80 per cent with the transfer coming from reserves.

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Dunn

(CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

2. Propose an amendment to the budget to reduce the staff complement by at least one quarter.

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks that the motion be amended:

2. Propose an amendment **to reduce the total compensation spent on staff by at least 25 per cent.** ~~to the budget to reduce the staff complement by at least one quarter.~~

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment.

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The Board Chair called the question on the motion as amended.

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

3. If the proposed amendments do not pass, oppose Motion 1: 2018-2019 Budget.

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

4. Oppose Motion 2: Zones of the Association.

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

5. Oppose Motion 3: Policy Proposals Process."

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That the Edmonton Public School Board put forward two emergent motions for inclusion at the ASBA 2018 SGM:

- 1. In alignment with past practice, that the requirement for the disclosure of the Executive Director’s salary be added to the ASBA bylaws.
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**
- 2. Create a bylaw to require the ASBA to stop appointing non-trustees to ASBA Alberta Education, or other external committees.”
(MOTION WITHDRAWN)**

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

**“That the May 22, 2018, Board meeting continue past the 6:00 p.m. timeline in order to complete all agenda items.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

- 9. Motion re School Dress Codes**

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

“Be it moved that in keeping with the principles established in AE.BP Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments and HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct, school dress codes will not be gender specific and will respect the diversity of the student population. Dress codes should be focused on fostering a sense of belonging and a positive sense of self within a productive and safe learning environment.

District schools will communicate about and enforce dress codes equitably and with regard for students' right to fairness, dignity, and respect. Education and information about and enforcement of dress codes will not target students based on race, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, socioeconomic status or body type and size.”

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks that the motion be amended:

“Be it moved that in keeping with the principles established in AE.BP Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments and HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct, school dress codes will not be gender specific and will respect the diversity of the student population. Dress codes should be focused on fostering a sense of belonging and a positive sense of self within a productive and safe learning environment.

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about and enforcement of dress codes will not ~~target~~ **discriminate against** students based on race, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, socioeconomic status or body type and size.”

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment.
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The Board Chair called the question on the motion as amended.
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. Motion re: Review of Edmonton Public Schools Policy EM.BP Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Use

Trustee Janz deferred this motion to the June 5, 2018, Board meeting.

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 Adams shared that a very significant and amazing leadership development initiative has begun in the J. Percy Page Catchment. She said that the leadership group has been named “The Learning Leaders Group” where identified leaders work on developing leadership and proven strategies that will make a difference in schools. She explained that their premise is that leadership is about presence, not position and that it started with 25 participants from the J. Percy Page Catchment schools and has grown to over 70 participants including leaders from the Harry Ainlay and M.E. LaZerte Catchments.

She explained that it is a group of like-minded individuals who voluntarily commit to meet and share in a non-competitive setting once a month from September to May. They are building into the group relevant feedback and accountability skills to support the leadership development of their colleagues. Trustee Adams shared that the questions on which they focus are evidence of the deep desire to be transformational teachers that develop the skills and competencies needed to move toward a teaching model that will adequately prepare students for success. She congratulated them for the work being done and thanked Principals Shelley Fenton and Gane Olsen for the strength and leadership they provide to this initiative.

Trustee Adams reported she had the pleasure to see the Learning Leaders Group in action on May 9, 2018, at a meeting that included collaborative conversation and a guest panel made up of their colleagues and keynote speakers, Elder Wilson and Bruce Coggles and that each of them shared their interesting and unique journey in their leadership development. She said that the group is

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making a difference for the leaders and in turn affecting the work being done in District classrooms.

Trustee Adams provided the following report in writing:

Trustee Adams reported that on May 10, 2018, she and Trustee Janz attended the Alberta School Boards Association Director's meeting held in Edmonton.

Trustee Adams shared that Cultural Night at Crawford Plains School was a wonderful evening of cultural foods, accomplished dancers, drummers and a demonstration of jiu-jitsu that represented cultures of Africa, India, Mexico and Scotland. Trustee Adams remarked that Principal Lisa Nachtigal and her team did a great job of attracting community members to this event and in highlighting the multicultural diversity within the school and surrounding community.

Trustee Adams report that on May 14th and 16th, 2018, she attended Parent Council meetings at Kate Chegwin and Bisset Schools. She advised that both councils are intent on hearing about the plans for spaces to accommodate high school students. She said they also discussed the increasing emphasis on student mental health as well as the recent Board motion regarding additional funding for mental health and how the equity fund could assist with additional needs within schools. She reported that both councils are very active in fundraising to support the various initiatives and student needs. Trustee Adams advised that the Kate Chegwin Parent Council has been preparing their School Behaviour and Conduct Policy and presented a draft to the parents for feedback and that it was well received. Trustee Adams advised that the Bisset Parent Council will be sharing bus routes with Daly Grove, Svend Hansen and Mary Hanley Catholic School. Trustee Adams shared that Principal John Holmes and Principal Zenia Nemish are providing exceptional leadership to their schools.

Trustee Adams reported that in light of the Career Pathways initiatives across the District, the initiative that takes place at J. Percy Page School deserves commendation. She explained that their Career Day field trip included 39 buses transporting 900 students and several staff to 39 different sites, including such agencies and organizations as McCauley Health Centre, Provincial Court of Alberta, NAIT Paramedical Lab, 630 CHED Radio, Construction and Architecture, Edmonton Hope Mission and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) K Division. Trustee Adams was pleased to address the staff and thank them for the incredible work that was necessary to make the day such a success.

Trustee Draper reported that on May 10, 2018, she had the pleasure of attending the McLeod School's Spring Tea, an annual fundraiser hosted by the School Council. She remarked that it was a lovely event and a chance to connect with families, staff and students.

Trustee Draper reported that on May 16th, 2018, she stopped by J. D. Bracco School at the school where the City of Edmonton Neighbourhood Empowerment Team, Edmonton Police Service, Clareview Community Recreation Centre, The Family Centre and Reach Edmonton were sponsoring an event for Crime Prevention Week. She said that the Edmonton Police Service

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members from the northeast division played basketball with junior high school students at the Clareview Community Recreation Centre. Trustee Draper shared that the Crime Prevention Week event was followed by a crime and safety talk and barbecue at the school.

Trustee Dunn provided the following report in writing:

Trustee Dunn reported that it was enlightening to attend the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Dean's Lecture series on the Ideal Mental Health System for supporting children and families with Patrick McGrath, where the importance of evidence-informed practice was emphasized.

Trustee Dunn shared that it was also a pleasure to attend a Parent Council meeting at David Thomas King School and that she is always inspired by the hard work of dedicated parents.

Trustee Dunn reported that it was an honour to attend the Annual Honouring Ceremony for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit graduates and to witness how much pride and support the students brought with them.

Trustee Estabrooks provided the following report in writing:

Trustee Estabrooks thanked Principal Simon Williams and music teacher Carmen So for the invitation to attend the Rutherford School spring concert.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked Principal Dale Skoreyko of the Argyll Centre, for the visit at the beginning of the month.

Trustee Estabrooks shared that spring is a busy time of year in District schools and she looks forward to attending graduation ceremonies in the coming weeks and being inspired by the fabulous students.

Trustee Estabrooks advised that the Policy Review Committee, which includes Trustees Adams and Stirling, would be meeting later this week with District staff, including staff from the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit unit who will host consultation meetings to discuss Edmonton Public Schools Aboriginal Education policies. She advised that parents have been invited to attend the evening meeting on May 24, 2018, at the Highlands School.

Trustee Stirling thanked the Jackson Heights School Council for welcoming her to their May 9, 2018, meeting. She also thanked Principal Chet Gosavi for his excellent walk-through of the class assignment process and that it was a great opportunity to witness the very complex part of a principal's work planning process.

Trustee Stirling reported that the May 11, 2018, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Honouring Ceremony was a wonderful event of celebration and community. She thanked all the staff, family members, and community who came together to make such a special day for District students.

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Trustee Stirling congratulated the graduates from Millwoods Christian School and said that it was wonderful to celebrate their commencements with their families and community.

- L. **Notices of Motion** - None
- M. **Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.**
- N. **Adjournment: 6:35 p.m.**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Draper, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations