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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 5, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Shelagh Dunn
Michelle Draper

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip
Michael Janz

Cheryl Johner
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Lorne Parker
Nancy Petersen
Kent Pharis

Darrel Robertson
Mike Suderman
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Michelle Draper

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Heather Quinn, 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.

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.

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A. O Canada 

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

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

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the agenda for the March 5, 2019, Board meeting be approved as printed.”

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

**“That the agenda for the March 5, 2019, Board meeting be amended to include Report #9 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held March 5, 2019).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“That the agenda for the March 5, 2019, Board meeting be approved as amended.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair reported that on February 21, 2019, the District received an Award of Excellence from the Alberta Smoke-Free Spaces Awards program in recognition of exemplary action to restrict smoking from shared spaces.

The Board Chair shared on February 27, 2019, the District celebrated the 55th annual Night of Music – *A Time to Be Heard*. She commented that music is a powerful force of expression and a tool to enrich the District’s students learning experiences. Music enhances thinking skills and brain development and builds skills that can be transferred to all aspects of learning. The Board Chair explained that participation in music programs provides students with opportunities that will continue throughout their lives, providing access to a world of culture, expression and intellectual exploration. She said the evening was the result of the hard work of over 600 students, and 50 teacher conductors, music teachers and accompanists. The Board Chair thanked the performers, organizers and the sponsors, as well as all those who attended the event.

The Board Chair reported that March 8, 2019, is International Women’s Day and the Campaign theme is #Balanceforbetter. She said that it is a day to recognize women’s achievements and acknowledge the challenges we continue to face in the quest for a more gender-balanced world. The Board Chair explained that International Women’s Day is not a country, group or organization specific. The day belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. She encouraged everyone to be tenacious in accelerating gender parity. Helping children of all ages and all genders find inspiration and courage from diverse women role models is key to education. And teaching children and young adolescents to actively question and openly challenge stereotypes and bias is important

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because it helps forge a more inclusive world. The Board Chair thanked all women in the District for their achievements.

The Board Chair advised that the Alberta Teachers' Association Provincial Executive Council has proclaimed March 11 to 15 as Substitute Teachers' Appreciation Week for the 2018-2019 school year. She commented that substitute teachers play an essential role in maintaining the continuity and excellence of the learning process and that the role of the 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 life of students and teachers.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent reported that the Minister of Education issued a Ministerial Order on March 1, 2019, that bans the use of seclusion rooms in school districts, effective September 1, 2019. He advised that District Administration has developed a draft administrative regulation defining the District's expectations around the use of time out space and that it will be reviewed to ensure it aligns with the Order. The Superintendent reiterated his support for District principals and teachers who work in increasingly complex classrooms and who exercise sound professional judgment every day in support of student success and well-being. He said the District will continue its unwavering commitment and meet legislative responsibilities to ensure classrooms in the District are safe for all students and staff.

The Superintendent reminded parents of students currently enrolled at Edmonton Public Schools that they can pre-enrol on SchoolZone between March 11 and April 15, 2019. He suggested that families who are new to the District contact their preferred school to learn how to register as a new Edmonton Public Schools student before April 16, 2019.

The Superintendent thanked school staff for their caring and creativity to help keep students safe and engaged during Edmonton's coldest February in 40 years. He also thanked maintenance and custodial staff members for ensuring schools were operational and safe for staff and students during the cold stretch.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #09 – February 19, 2019

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #09 held February 19, 2019, be approved as printed.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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G. Recognition

2. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

Ms Breanna Burns of John Barnett School was selected as the District's honorary nominee for the 2019 Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

There was a short break in the meeting.

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

I. Reports

2. Report#9 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held March 5, 2019)

Trustee Stirling reported that the following recommendation was approved at the March 5, 2019, Caucus Committee meeting which was held earlier in the day:

That with respect to Legal Matter #030519-01, the Board of Trustees will proceed with Option B.

3. Staff Group Presentation re 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

Ms Heather Quinn, President of the Edmonton Public Teachers' Local No. 37 presented the Local's brief.

Mr. Ian Crichton, Ms Carrie Sandboe and Dr. Barret Weber, representatives for the Exempt Staff, presented the Exempt Staffs' brief.

J. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Adams acknowledged Ms Alicia Welsh, Technology Lead Teacher and Ms Priya Khan, Assistant Principal at Meyokumin School for providing a presentation on Internet Awareness and Safety at the Parent Council meeting. She said information was provided about technology use, possible negative long-term effects and ways for parents to minimize the use of technology and become familiar with software that allows them to monitor and restrict digital usage. Trustee Adams commended them for such a well-executed, relevant and practical presentation which was well received by the parents. Trustee Adams recommended that this presentation be made available to other parents within the District.

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Trustee Adams provided the following report in writing:

On February 20, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Weinlos School Parent Council meeting. She congratulated Principal Jodean Gagne who received a 100 per cent vote for her second year principal review. It was very encouraging to hear the rousing support of the Parent Council for their principal and to see the exceptional working relationship between the leadership and the Parent Council. The Weinlos School and Parent Council is working hard on several fronts including student character building and lots of opportunities for volunteering. Weinlos School has great staff and student cooperation with the Kate Chegwin School with various opportunities including enhanced reading opportunities between the older students at Kate Chegwin School and younger students at Weinlos School.

On February 21, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Meyokumin School Parent Council meeting. On a bitterly cold evening, the turnout for the parent council was notable. Trustee Adams presented the District's Strategic Plan and covered some highlights of the results over the last school year and also discussed the role of a Trustee. There was a good discussion, especially around the opportunities the Equity Fund has provided for their school and for the J. Percy Page Catchment.

On February 22, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 meeting.

On February 25, 2019, Trustee Adams attended the Sakaw Parent Council meeting and reported that it is a very vibrant group actively involved in the life of the school. There was a good discussion about the addition of a Complexity Coach for Sakaw School and other benefits as a result of the Equity Fund. Trustee Adams reported that she again heard the parents deep concern for a new high school in the southeast. There was also had a very candid discussion regarding the transportation concern for the students that leave Sakaw School to attend the Dan Knott School and the length of time between buses and the safety concerns surrounding the required bus transfer at the Mill Woods Town Mall.

On February 26, 2019, Trustee Adams attended a Policy Review Committee meeting where they reviewed the committee's work plan, the Board Delegation of Authority, and received a presentation by Ms Natalie Prytuluk, Director of Early Years to help inform the committee's proposed engagement plan for Early Years framework. The committee also reviewed information from the last stakeholder engagement session regarding the draft First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education policy.

Trustee Draper reported that on February 25, 2019, she participated, along with several District leaders, in the M.E. LaZerte Catchment Learning Leaders professional learning group in a networking activity.

On February 26, 2019, Trustee Draper attended the Overlanders School Council meeting and thanked everyone for the questions from parents and staff.

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On March 1, 2019, Trustees Draper and Stirling attended the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention.

On March 4, 2019, Trustee Draper attended the High School Culinary Awards at the Shaw Conference Centre. She congratulated all participants.

Trustee Janz attended the following events:

- February 27, 2019, Malmo School Council meeting
- February 28, 2019, Labour and Education Law Year in Review
- March 3, 2019, a discussion with Mr. David King regarding education issues

Trustee Janz advised everyone of the upcoming events:

- March 21, 2019, Gandhi, the third movie that is part of the film series about social justice, will be shown
- March 21, 2019, is the Greenfield Dads Matter get-together at Boston Pizza on 51 Avenue

Trustee Stirling reported on the following:

On February 19, 2019, Trustee Stirling had the opportunity to bring closing remarks on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the Teaching Sexual Health professional learning day. This event is organized annually in partnership between Edmonton Public Schools and the University of Alberta (U of A) and brings together pre-service and current teachers along with comprehensive school health staff, U of A professors, and community partners to support teachers in developing skills to teach sexual health and support students in their schools.

Trustee Stirling thanked parents at Julia Kiniski School for welcoming her to speak to their school council about the work of the Board of Trustees. It was great to hear the excitement of families as the school prepares for new curriculum and to learn how infrastructure funding is helping to do work required around the school building.

Trustee Stirling thanked the U of A for the opportunity to participate on behalf of the Board of Trustees in the consultation process for the university's public engagement plan on February 20, 2019, which was hosted by Chancellor Doug Stollery. The Board of Trustees values our many partnerships and collaborations with the U of A and looks forward to future opportunities to strengthen its relationships.

On February 21, 2019, Trustee Stirling was delighted to join in celebrating the launch of the Health Care Aide Campus Edmonton Public School program at McNally School. She thanked NorQuest College for being the District's partner in this exciting dual-credit program and Alberta Advanced Education for their support of dual-credit learning opportunities for Edmonton Public Schools students.

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Trustee Stirling reported that the CASA Foundation Indigenous Mental Health lecture at amiskwacy Academy on February 26, 2019, was a powerful night of learning and sharing and she and Trustee Dunn left with a deeper understanding of culturally responsive supports for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and the need to recognize not only intergenerational trauma but also intergenerational resilience.

Trustee Stirling thanked all the teachers, staff, and volunteers who organized this year's Night of Music and said the evening is always so magical for all the students who participate and the families who come to celebrate their children's achievements.

Trustee Stirling was delighted to attend the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention keynote and morning sessions on March 1, 2019, along with Board Chair Draper. She thanked the organizing committee for extending the invitation to them to see professional learning in action and to join speakers and guests for lunch.

Trustee Stirling was very proud to see all the District students and teachers who participated in the High School Culinary Challenge and to share in the celebration on March 4, 2019, along with several other Trustees. She enjoyed the meal, company of students, parents, and staff from W.P.Wagner School.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Ip requested that Administration prepare a report that outlines how a multi-year block funding model for school infrastructure can address the District's short-term and long-term infrastructure needs. Please provide scenarios based upon different levels of funding and cost efficiencies that can potentially be realized.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Stirling served notice that she will make a motion that the Board of Trustees affirms its support for publicly-funded, publicly-owned, and publicly-accountable infrastructure projects and will advocate for all new school construction projects to be built as public projects, not public-private partnerships.

M. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

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The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Michelle Draper, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations