

**DATE:** May 14, 2019

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Bridget Stirling, Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #12 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held May 14, 2019)

**ORIGINATOR:** Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4  
[Trustees' Handbook](#) – Section 6 – Board Committees  
[School Act](#) – Section 61

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## ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

**The following recommendations were approved at the May 14, 2019, Caucus Committee meeting.**

1. *That Mr. Dave Devin and Ms Angela Anderson be approved as co-spokespersons for negotiations with the Alberta Teachers' Association (Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37).*

*That the following objectives for the collective bargaining agreement between the District and Alberta Teachers' Association (Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37) be approved:*

- *To achieve a revised collective agreement in collective bargaining that:*
  - *continues to enable the District to recruit and retain highly skilled teachers necessary to maintain quality teaching and learning in support of students' success;*
  - *addresses local items in a manner that is congruent with memorandum of agreement ratified by TEBA and the ATA;*
  - *ensures any financial implications of local items remain consistent within the existing, projected, and actual future financial and operational circumstances of the District;*
- *To achieve the revision of the collective agreement with no work stoppage.*

## BACKGROUND

The collective bargaining agreement with the Alberta Teachers' Association (Local 37) expired August 31, 2018. In 2015–2016 the Province introduced legislation that provided a framework for central and local bargaining. The initial agreement reached under this framework was a two-year agreement for the period of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2018. Now that central bargaining is complete and an agreement has been ratified, local bargaining can begin.

2. *That a portion of the Steinhauer School site be declared surplus to District need, with the intent that it be used by the City of Edmonton and EPCOR as a dry pond storm water management facility be approved.*

## BACKGROUND

On April 18, 2019, the City of Edmonton, acting on behalf of EPCOR, formally requested acquisition of a

portion of the Steinhauer School playing fields for development of a storm water management facility.

Existing storm water management systems in many of Edmonton's mature communities are unable to handle the volumes of storm water generated in recent years. In the aftermath of the storms experienced in Edmonton during the summer of 2004, the City of Edmonton investigated various technical improvements to the storm water management system beginning with areas of the City that experienced the worst flooding. In 2007, the City of Edmonton entered into an agreement with the District to construct a dry pond at Avalon and Lendrum schools. The dry pond was successfully completed and welcomed by the community. The City entered into a similar agreement with the Edmonton Catholic School District in 2015 at St. Clement School in Ekota. In 2019, the City will begin construction of a dry pond at the Malcolm Tweddle/Edith Rogers School site.

**3. *That the Dry Pond Acquisition Agreement for a portion of the Parkallen School site be approved.***

#### **BACKGROUND**

On October 9, 2018, the Board of Trustees declared a portion of the Parkallen School site to be surplus to District need to accommodate the construction of a dry pond. The District will formally dispose of the property in accordance with the Disposition of Property Regulation to enable the construction of the dry pond.

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**4. *That several updates to the Trustees' Handbook be approved.***

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Governance and Evaluation Committee's Terms of Reference charges the Committee with reviewing the Trustee Protocols and the Governance and Operations sections of the Trustees' Handbook at least once per term.

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