

**MINUTE BOOK****Board Meeting #02**

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, October 9, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:****Trustees**

Sherry Adams  
Shelagh Dunn  
Michelle Draper

Trisha Estabrooks  
Ken Gibson  
Michael Janz

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

**Staff Group Representatives**

CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, 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: (2:05 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that Trustee Ip would be joining the meeting later. All other Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

**“That the agenda for the October 9, 2018, Board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that Read-In week was from October 1-5, 2018, and that this year’s theme was *Bringing Stories to Life*. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Board Chair thanked all Edmontonians that participated in Read-In 2018.

The Board Chair reported that October 2, 2018, was National Custodial Staff Appreciation Day, and that the District honoured more than 600 custodians and CUPE Local 474 staff.

The Board Chair reported that October 5, 2018, was World Teacher’s Day, a day set aside by the world community. She said that teachers dedicate every day to helping students succeed and develop a lifelong love for learning.

The Board advised that in recognition of both staff groups, the District shared messages of thanks and videos highlighting their work on the District website and social media channels.

The Board Chair stated that the focus of the Board meeting was the District’s infrastructure requirements. She said that the District had the privilege of opening new schools last year, and thanked the government for that funding. The Board Chair explained that those schools helped the District catch up to the needs of families in some areas, but the need for a high school in the southeast is particularly urgent. She said that as the District has highlighted before, there is also deferred maintenance of over \$750 million dollars which represents work required to keep aging buildings functioning so all students have access to high quality learning environments. She stated that the District has great needs in both new and mature neighbourhoods.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent stated that the District continues to grow and that the official enrolment count as of September 30, 2018, was 101,865 students. He explained that this is three percent growth increase or 2, 951 more students than last year.

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The Superintendent shared that he attended the Hockey Helps Kids launch on September 26, 2018, and that the District has the following schools working with the Oilers:

- Team Draisaitl is represented by S. Bruce Smith School
- Team Lucic is represented by Dickinsfield School and
- Team McDavid is represented by Hilwie Hamdon School

Team Nugent-Hopkins, is represented by Sister Annata Brockman School

The Superintendent commented that this is a great opportunity for District students to help raise awareness and funds for a variety of local non-profit organizations. The Superintendent thanked the Oilers and everyone who supports Hockey Helps Kids.

The Superintendent congratulated the 2018 District Student Awards recipients. He explained that every year, the District recognizes outstanding student accomplishments, contributions and achievements. The Superintendent said there are six award categories for students who were in Grade 12 during the 2017-18 school year as follows:

- Academic Excellence Award
- Career and Life Pathways Award
- Fine Arts Award
- Health and Wellness Award
- Humanities Award
- Math/Science/Technologies Award

The Superintendent advised that the District is celebrating 103 Grade 12 students from 19 different high schools. He also advised that the Michael A. Strembitsky Award of Excellence nominees and bronze, silver and gold recipients were recognized at the June 19, 2018, Board meeting.

#### **F. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #01 – September 25, 2018

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #01 held September 25, 2018, be approved as printed.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

There were no registered speakers for this item.

#### **H. Reports**

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2. Report #06 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held September 25, 2018)

Information was received regarding actions taken at the September 25, 2018, Caucus Committee meeting.

The Board Chair thanked all the members of CUPE Local 474 – Custodial Staff, for the important work they do to keep District schools clean and safe. She also thanked them for taking time to listen to and support students. The Board Chair expressed that they are critical members of District school communities and very valued by the District.

3. Preferred Cluster Concept for the Britannia Area

Information was provided regarding the consultation process for the Britannia cluster.

4. Amendment to the *Three-Year Capital Plan for 2019-2022*

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

***“That the *Three -Year Capital Plan 2019-2022* be amended as follows:***

- 1. Remove Priority 2 Westlawn Cluster: Concept 2 and Priority 3 Chappelle East K-9; and**
- 2. Amend the new Priority 8 in Year 2 to read ‘Britannia Cluster: Concept C’, and the cost to \$43 million.”**

**(CARRIED)**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Dunn**

**I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Adams reported on the following activities:

September 27 – October 9, 2018, Trustee Adams congratulated Crawford Plains, Ekota and Kameyosek Schools for exceeding their fundraising goals for the Terry Fox Run for Cancer events. She enjoyed the opportunity to run with the students and the privilege to express her appreciation for the hard work done by the staff, students and parents in making the events such a success.

September 28, 2018, Trustee Adams was proud to represent the Board of Trustees at the J. Percy Page School Flag Ceremony and Orange Shirt Day. She commented that Treaty 6 and Métis flags are an important representation of the District’s commitment to reconciliation and that wearing orange shirts is a way of making sure that everyone feels that they belong.

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Also on September 28, 2018, Trustee Adams attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 meeting. She reported that the President of ASBA attended the meeting and provided a report of activities and accomplishments since assuming the position of president.

October 1-5, 2018, Trustee Adams shared that she enjoyed participating in Read-In Week at Bisset, Crawford Plains, Dan Knott, Ekota, Menisa, Meyonohk, Michael Strembitsky, Satoo, Shauna May Seneca and Tipaskan Schools and thanked them for inviting her to participate. Trustee Adams indicated that she enjoyed answering questions about the books that were meaningful to her and about her role as a Trustee.

Trustee Adams thanked Principal McLean from Menisa School for the invitation to discuss the role of a Trustee with the Grade 6 class that is working on governmental studies.

October 3, 2018, Trustees Adams, Ip and Trustees from the Catholic School Board, attended the premiere showing of *Volcanoes* at the TELUS World of Science. She reported that the producer of the project was present to answer the many questions followed by the film.

October 4, 2018, Trustee Adams reported that she was intrigued by a very noteworthy presentation given to the Mill Woods President Council for Community Leagues regarding The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. She expressed that the award program is one of the world's leading youth achievement awards, bringing together practical experiences and life skills to empower young people.

Trustee Dunn thanked amiskwaciy Academy for inviting her to their annual Fall Feast. She said that it was wonderful to share the delicious meal and see so many people in the community support this wonderful school.

Trustee Dunn shared that she enjoyed reading a book for a reading party at Inglewood School hosted by the Alberta Reads Network. She explained that the network has a volunteer program training individuals to partner with schools in the District and to become volunteer readers. Trustee Dunn said that the Alberta Reads Network is actively recruiting volunteers.

Trustee Dunn reported that it was a highlight of her role as Trustee to attend her first Read In week and share books with amiskwaciy Academy, Dovercourt, John A. McDougall, Thornccliffe, Spruce Avenue and Westglen Schools. She thanked the schools for inviting her to attend.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked District staff and the hundreds of people from the Highlands and surrounding neighbourhoods who attended the public information night to discuss the modernized Kindergarten to Grade 9 School.

Trustee Estabrooks congratulated Centre High for another successful Career Directions event. She said that there were many speakers and organizations represented. Trustee Estabrooks

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commented that it was an honour to bring greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees and to support the great work of the staff and students at Centre High.

Trustee Estabrooks thanked the many schools that invited her to read during Read In week. She also thanked Riverdale School for inviting her to their first ever Mindfulness Triathlon.

Trustee Stirling congratulated the students and staff who worked so hard to put together the Canadian Student Leadership Conference this year. She explained that District schools hosted approximately 1,100 students from across Canada. Trustee Stirling thanked W.P. Wagner School for inviting her to present three workshop sessions on women and leadership as part of the conference.

Trustee Stirling shared that it was a pleasure to meet the students from Lynnwood School on September 26, 2018, and although Lynnwood Schools isn't in Ward G, she is a proud Lynnwood School alumna.

Trustee Stirling thanked The Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities for another powerful and moving Orange Shirt Day commemoration at City Hall. She said that Trustee Estabrooks, Trustee Ip and she were very honoured to be able to represent the District on this important day.

Trustee Stirling thanked Avonmore, Grace Martin, Greenview, Hazeldean, Hillview, Holyrood, Julia Kiniski, Waverley and Velma E. Baker Schools for their warm welcome to Read In.

Trustee Stirling congratulated the award recipients at this year's W.P. Wagner awards celebration. She said that it was wonderful being able to celebrate so many students and their achievements in academics, the arts, sports, career and technology, leadership, and community service.

Trustee Stirling reported that it was a pleasure for Trustee Ip and herself to represent the Board of Trustees at the Public School Administrators Association President's Reception on October 3, 2018.

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

**K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Janz provided notice to the Board of Trustees that he is withdrawing the following motion that he served at the March 6, 2018, Board meeting.

*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.*

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L. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

M. **Adjournment:** 3:05 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