

**MINUTE BOOK****Board Meeting #14**

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held via a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 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  
Grace Cooke  
Todd Burnstad  
Karen Mills

Leona Morrison  
Kathy Muhlethaler  
Lorne Parker  
Nancy Petersen

Darrel Robertson  
Carrie Rosa  
Liz Yule

**Board Chair:** Trisha Estabrooks

**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.

**A. Roll Call:** (2:00 p.m.)

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

**B. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:**

**“That the agenda for the April 14, 2020, Board meeting be approved as amended.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair thanked school staff for their creativity, hard work and flexibility in finding ways to support students in their learning. She has heard amazing stories of new and unique ways that teachers are reaching out to the students. The Board Chair said that although these are challenging times, it gives her great hope to see the way in which and the entire Division have come together to support students.

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The Board Chair thanked the Student Senate for including Trustees Adams, Draper, Johner and herself at their recent meeting.

The Board Chair advised that Support Staff Appreciation Week is April 20-24 with April 22<sup>nd</sup> designated as Support Staff Appreciation Day in the Division. She said that on this day, it is important to recognize the important contributions of all support staff for the excellent work they do in supporting the success of all students and staff in the Division.

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

The Superintendent thanked students, parents and staff during this time of remote emergent learning. He encouraged parents to contact their child's teacher, principal or the Division's Support Services unit should they have any issues or concerns. The Superintendent also referred parents and students to the resources available on the Division's website and SchoolZone.

The Superintendent advised that pre-enrolment will close on April 15, 2020. He shared that Principals will follow up with parents to ensure students are enrolled.

### **E. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #13 – March 31, 2020

**MOVED BY Trustee Draper:**

**"That the minutes of Board Meeting #13 held March 31, 2020, be approved as printed."**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

There were no submissions from registered speakers for this item.

### **G. Reports**

2. Staff Group Budget Presentation re 2020-2021 Budget

Ms Heather Quinn, President of the Edmonton Public Teachers, was unavailable for the Board meeting and advised that she will submit the Edmonton Public Teachers' presentation in writing for the Board's consideration.

3. Locally Developed Courses

**MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:**

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**“That the following LDCs be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools until August 31, 2024:**

- American Sign Language Arts Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Competencies in Science 15 (5)
- English Literature 35 (3 and 5)
- ESL Expository English 15-25 (5)
- ESL Introduction to Mathematics 15 (5)
- Hebrew Language Arts Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Reading 15-25 (3 and 5)
- Statistics 35 (5)
- Theatre Performance 15-25-35 (5)

**That the following LDC be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools until August 31, 2023:**

- Physics (Advanced) 35 (5)

**That the following LDC be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools until August 31, 2022:**

- Speech and Debate 25-35 (3)

**That the following LDCs be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools until August 31, 2021:**

- Chemistry (AP) 35 (3)
- Theory of Knowledge (IB) 25-35 (3).”

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. Appointment of the Auditors for the Year Ended August 31, 2020

**MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“That the Board appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the external auditors for the August 31, 2020, year end.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. 2020-2021 Distribution of Funds

**MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:**

**“That the Distribution of Funds for the 2020-2021 Budget be approved.”**

**(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Revenue Generating Opportunities  
Response to Request for Information #057)

Information was provided regarding Request for Information #057.

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### H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Johner submitted the following report in writing:

On April 21, 2020, there will be a virtual Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) meeting via Zoom from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and all Trustees are invited to attend.

Trustee Johner will provide all Trustees with a summary from PSBAA regarding the Public Schools of Saskatchewan intention to appeal the Theodore decision.

### I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Draper requested that the Administration provide what supports are in place to help the Division's most vulnerable families address food security issues and how these supports are being communicated.

Trustee Estabrooks requested that the Administration provide a fulsome update to the Board on how the Division is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including what actions have already been taken and what further actions are planned to support all students in their learning.

J. Notices of Motion - None

K. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

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Karen Mills, Director of Board and  
Superintendent Relations