

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #11**

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, February 25, 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

Student Trustees

Josh Karathra

Johanna Lau

Tristin Odnokon

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Lorne Parker
Nancy Petersen

Kent Pharis
Darrel Robertson
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Trisha Estabrooks

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Thompson, 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

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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 

O Canada was performed by the Ottewell Jazz A band, under the direction of Mr. Stephen Fong. The school band also performed Primal Forces, a song by Edmonton composer and teacher Mr. Brian Appleby.

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

**“That the agenda for the February 25, 2020, Board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that February 26, 2020, is Pink Shirt Day which started following an anti-bullying stand of two Grade 12 Nova Scotia students in 2007. She explained that they took a stand against homophobic bullying after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt on his first day of school. They rallied their classmates to wear pink as a show of support and as a protest against bullying and gender stereotypes. The Board Chair said that Pink Shirt Day is now an international event that Edmonton Public Schools observes. She encouraged staff and students to wear pink on February 26, 2020, to bring awareness to and celebrate the Division’s diversity.

The Board Chair said that on February 27, 2020, the provincial government will table its second budget since being elected. The Board Chair explained that Administration and the Board have been working hard to inform parents and communities about what is expected in the budget. She thanked the many people who reached out to ask questions and participated in town hall meetings as the Division navigates next steps. The Board Chair advised that the Division is expecting and planning for a significant shortfall. The Board Chair reported that she and Vice-Chair Dunn will be present at the Alberta Legislature Building on February 27th for the budget announcement.

The Board Chair advised that the Division is looking forward to learning more about the funding framework from the Alberta government and from the Minister of Education. She remarked that the weighted moving average enrolment is not positive for growing divisions such as Edmonton Public Schools.

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The Board Chair acknowledged that the Board of Trustees would be discussing and voting on the *Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2020-2029* as well as the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2021-2024* and is looking forward to sharing these plans with the provincial government and continuing to advocate for desperately needed schools and modernizations in the city.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent reported that on February 20, 2020, Hockey Helps Kids announced the winner of their Charity Cup Challenge – Team Nugent-Hopkins: Balwin School. He explained that Balwin's two-minute video in support of YOUNCAN Youth Services earned them the most votes and the title. As the winner, Balwin School will receive \$25,000 for their charity. The Superintendent said the runners-up, Team Khaira: Hillcrest; Team Draisaitl: Allendale; and Team Nurse: Westminster, will each receive \$10,000 for their respective charities. Hockey Helps Kids is an excellent way to teach children about the importance of teamwork, citizenship and giving back to the community. He congratulated Principal Christina Jones and Balwin School on their win, and everyone who took part. He thanked the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation for their support.

F. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #10 – February 11, 2020

MOVED BY Trustee Adams:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #10 held February 11, 2020, 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

2. Student Senate Work Plan Update

The Student Senate presented to the Board of Trustees an update of their work in support of their 2019-2020 Work Plan.

The Board Chair thanked the Student Trustees for their presentation and shared that the Board of Trustees is looking forward to attending the Student Senate Symposium on April 30, 2020.

3. Revised 2020-2021 School Year Calendar

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MOVED BY Trustee Draper:

“That Attachment 1, the revised 2020-2021 Division School Calendar be approved.”

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn that the motion be amended:

“That ~~Attachment 1~~, Attachment 2, the revised 2020-2021 Division School Calendar be approved.”

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment.

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

**OPPOSED: Trustees Adams, Draper, Gibson, Johner and Stirling
(DEFEATED)**

The Board Chair called the question on the motion.

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee Janz
(CARRIED)**

Trustee Dunn requested that as part of next steps that Administration solicit further feedback from students, parents and staff after the new calendar has been implemented.

The Superintendent suggested adding questions about the new calendar to the District Feedback Survey in the future.

4. Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2020-2029

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

**“That the *Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2020-2029* be approved.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

Trustee Gibson suggested that in future reports Administration include a summary of projected component and building envelope failure (those components beyond the anticipated lifespan) including associated replacement costs and that this information be shared with the Minister of Infrastructure.

Trustee Stirling asked what it costs the Division to maintain closed buildings, including administrative and maintenance costs. Mr. Wright advised this information would be provided in a Transmittal Memorandum (TM).

Board Chair Estabrooks referenced page 35 of 115 - Revised Planning Sectors (2020) map and requested schools be sorted into a model that identifies low, medium and high attendance, planning sectors and utilization rates.

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It was suggested that the *Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2020-2029* report be shared with the City of Edmonton to inform them how much of the Division's work intersects with theirs.

There was a short break in the meeting.

5. Draft Three-Year Capital Plan 2021-2024

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

"That the proposed capital priorities for modernization and new construction identified in the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2021-2024* be approved."

MOVED BY Trustee Ip that the motion be amended:

"That the proposed capital priorities for modernization and new construction identified in the *Three-Year Capital Plan 2021-2024* ~~be approved~~ be amended as follows:

That Glenridding Heights K-6 school be moved from Number 13 to Number 6 on the *Aggregated Priorities 2021-2024* list."

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Ip

OPPOSED: Trustees Adams, Draper, Dunn, Estabrooks, Gibson, Janz, Johner and Stirling
(DEFEATED)

The Board Chair called the question on the motion.

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

That the February 25, 2020, Board meeting proceed past 6:00 p.m. in order to accommodate the remaining agenda items.

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Motion re: Proposal for Fewer Trustees

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

"That Edmonton Public School Division seek permission from the Minister of Education, prior to September 1, 2020, to reduce the Board of Trustees to a maximum of seven Trustees, exclusive of any future appointments permitted under the *Education Act*, and that Governance and Evaluation Committee be assigned the task to propose changes to Trustee roles are necessary."

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Adams, Gibson and Johner

OPPOSED: Trustees Draper, Dunn, Estabrooks, Janz, Johner and Stirling
(DEFEATED)

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“That Edmonton Public School Division seek permission from the Minister of Education to increase the number of Trustees to align with Edmonton City Council and their wards.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Janz

**OPPOSED: Trustees Adams, Draper, Dunn, Estabrooks, Gibson, Ip, Johner and Stirling
(DEFEATED)**

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 reports that during the past two weeks she has attended parent council meetings at Jan Reimer and Weinlos schools and held a town hall meeting at Shawna May Seneca School. She reports that both council meetings had a good response from parents who were interested in discussing the budget constraints, their values for education and how they could advocate effectively for the realization of those values. She was impressed with the level of engagement and the passion of these parents to actively respond. Trustee Adams thanks both school councils for their work to actively engage their parent community.

Trustee Adams reports that the town hall meeting at Shawna May Seneca School was attended by approximately 40 people and that the session was both informative and engaging. Following her presentation, parents had a generative discussion at their tables to provide input on what they value the most in their child's education and to come up with creative solutions to the current challenges. Trustee Adams reports the evening was very rewarding and thanked the parent council and staff of Shawna May Seneca School for accommodating this meeting.

Trustee Adams thanks the Division's Infrastructure Committee for their presentation of the Edmonton Public Schools Real Estate Strategy and Action Plan.

Trustee Adams reports that the Policy Review Committee met to discuss the recent Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting regarding the multicultural policy and to review the update for the 2020 Policy Review Committee work plan.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None**L. Notices of Motion - None**

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M. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

N. **Adjournment:** 7:15 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations