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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, November 5, 2019, at 2:05 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Shelagh Dunn
Trisha Estabrooks

Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip

Cheryl Johner
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Lisa Austin
Grace Cooke
Todd Burnstad

Ron MacNeil
Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler

Nancy Petersen
Kent Pharis
Darrel Robertson
Liz Yule

Board Chair: Trisha Estabrooks

Recording Secretary: Shirley Juneau

Staff Group Representatives

CUPE Local 3550 – Carol Chapman, President and Gloria Lepine, Chief Steward

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.

A. Roll Call: (2:05 p.m.)

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The Superintendent advised that Trustees Adams, Draper and Janz were absent. All other Trustees were present.

B. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Ip:

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

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

C. O Canada - Vimy Ridge Academy

D. Remembrance Ceremony

1. Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

Vimy Ridge Academy conducted a Remembrance Ceremony.

There was a short break in the meeting.

E. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair remarked that the budget tabled recently by the provincial government will be challenging for the Division. The provincial government did not deliver on its campaign commitment to maintain or increase education funding. She explained that this budget means the work of District staff becomes more challenging – staff will be forced to support more students with fewer dollars. The Board Chair said that she knows the District is working hard to find efficiencies and that work will continue. The Board Chair stated that staff and Administration have the full support of the Board of Trustees and that dedicating dollars to classrooms will continue to be a priority for Edmonton Public Schools.

The Board Chair reported that Trustee Stirling, the Superintendent and she were pleased to attend the No Stone Left Alone Ceremony at Beechmount Cemetery. She explained that the event honours the sacrifice and service of Canada’s military by educating students and placing poppies on the headstones of veterans every November and that several Edmonton Public schools were represented and participated in the ceremony. The Board Chair advised that Dr. Eva Olson, a Holocaust survivor, shared a message of kindness and hope.

The Board Chair advised that on November 1, 2019, the provincial government announced that it will provide funding for two of the District’s top capital projects. They will fund the design of the southeast high school, and full funding for a Kindergarten to Grade 9 School in the Keswick neighbourhood.

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She said that the District looks forward to a future funding commitment from the provincial government so that the high school can be built to support the growing student population at Edmonton Public Schools. The Board Chair thanked the provincial government for the funding commitment and the Board of Trustees that worked hard to ensure the government heard their message.

The Board Chair welcomed Ms Emmy Stuebing, new Director for the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation.

F. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that starting November 15, 2019, Trustees and senior administration will be visiting with Central units and schools for annual results review discussions. He thanked the Administration and Board of Trustees in advance for their time and thoughtfulness put into these discussions.

G. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #04 – October 22, 2019

MOVED BY Trustee Stirling:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #04 held October 22, 2019, be approved as printed.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board of Trustees heard from one registered speaker regarding children with disabilities.

I. Reports

3. Motion re: Adequate, Equitable Funding for Education

MOVED BY Trustee Estabrooks:

“That the Board of Trustees advocate to the Government of Alberta that they clearly communicate **proposed changes to the funding framework for education to Edmonton Public Schools **early in 2020 and well in advance of budget 2020** ~~prior to implementation~~ and that consider suggestions from Edmonton Public Schools on the draft of the framework.**

Further, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees advocate for adequate, equitable funding that takes into account enrolment growth, ensuring that all children receive the support they need to be successful.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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4. Motions under Consideration at the 2019 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting (FGM)

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the Board consider and vote on the recommendations as presented verbally by the ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the Board of Trustees support Motion #1 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

1. Charter Schools: RESOLVED, That the Provincial Government more rigorously enforce the regulations on Charter Schools and wind down Charter Schools once their learning style, working style, or pedagogy have been achieved.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the Board of Trustees support Motion #2 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

2. Choice in Education Act: RESOLVED, That the *Choice in Education Act* not be to the detriment of the 61 Public, Separate, and Francophone School Boards.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the Board of Trustees support and suggest an amendment for Motion #3 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

3. School Fees: RESOLVED, That ASBA believes that school boards need the autonomy and flexibility to determine the process for establishing and collecting fees. School boards are in the best position to determine the individual needs of their communities and ASBA should advocate for those needs to be met with provincial funding.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

“That the Board of Trustees support Motion #4 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

4. Language Learning: RESOLVED, That Alberta Education supports students learning in multiple languages, where the demand exists, whether in English language learning, Indigenous language learning, French language learning or the introduction of other global languages, with adequate funding and resources.

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MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“That the Board of Trustees support Motion #5 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Naming of Public School Boards: RESOLVED, That the Minister support public school boards in altering their division name under section 116 of the *Education Act* to include the word “public” in their name.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“That the Board of Trustees support Motion #6 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Vaping: RESOLVED, That Alberta’s Ministries of Education and Health collaborate to conduct and share research about the health effects of vaping and implications (strategies) for how to avoid negative health impacts on our communities through the infrastructure (programs, grants, curricula, Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) tables) of education and health systems in our province; and

RESOLVED, That all levels of government (municipal, provincial, federal), expeditiously amend statutes such as the *Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act* (Alberta) and *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* (Canada) and regulations to align the restrictions on the consumption, promotion, marketing and sale of vaping products to Alberta’s youth with those on tobacco products.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“That the Board of Trustees does not support Motion #7 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

7. Mandatory Vaccinations: RESOLVED, That the Provincial Government enact legislation requiring mandatory vaccination of students attending publicly funded schools in Alberta, that allows medical exemptions and objections based on religious grounds of parents; and

RESOLVED, That in cases of religious objection, parents shall be required to attend an information session regarding vaccination prior to signing an affidavit of objection to ensure informed consent and a no fault compensation program for adverse reactions; and

RESOLVED, That the list of diseases included in vaccination protocol shall include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, and meningococcal disease; and

RESOLVED, That an electronic vaccine registry be created and accessible to schools to protect unvaccinated children during a disease outbreak.

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**“That the Board of Trustees support Motion #8 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

8. Inclusive Education: RESOLVED, That Alberta Education develop a Standard for Inclusive Education in Alberta and rescind the Standards for Special Education, Amended June 2004.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“That the Board of Trustees support Motion #9 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

9. Inclusion Practices: RESOLVED, That Alberta Education review current inclusion practices, with involvement from all stakeholders, to assess the strengths and challenges of these inclusion practices, report findings, and provide the necessary funding to implement evidence-based practices that support the diverse learning needs of Alberta students.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

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“That the Board of Trustees support and suggest an amendment for Motion #10 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

10. Bus Speed Limits: RESOLVED, **The Minister of Transportation review legislation regarding current highway speed limits for school buses.”**

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“That the Board of Trustees does not support Motion #11 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

11. Board Governance and System Administration Allowance: RESOLVED, That the Provincial Government reinstate the full 4%-6% Board Governance and System Administration allowance noted in the 2012-13 funding manual for school boards, without deduction from school board payments.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**“That the Board of Trustees support Motion #12 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM).”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. Full-Time Equivalent for Early Childhood Services When Determining School Boards’ Utilization of Schools: RESOLVED, That the Provincial Government utilize the actual full

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time equivalent for Early Childhood Services when determining school boards' utilization of schools.

MOVED BY Trustee Dunn:

**"That the Board of Trustees support Motion #13 at the 2019 ASBA (FGM)."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. Superintendent of Schools Regulation: RESOLVED, That the Provincial Government restore the local autonomy of School Boards, by rescinding the current Superintendent of Schools Regulation (ALBERTA REGULATION 98/2019) and replacing it with a Regulation that requires School Boards to seek Ministerial approval for the appointment and re-appointment of the Superintendent of Schools /CEO only.

- J. **Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports** – None
- K. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** - None
- L. **Notices of Motion** - None
- M. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
- N. **Adjournment:** 4:10 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations