

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #05**

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers via Zoom on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Sherry Adams
Michelle Draper
Shelagh Dunn

Trisha Estabrooks
Ken Gibson
Nathan Ip

Michael Janz
Bridget Stirling

Officials

Angela Anderson
Todd Burnstad
Grace Cooke
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Nancy Petersen

Kent Pharis
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.

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.

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

B. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

**“That the agenda for the November 3, 2020, Board meeting be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

C. & D. O Canada and Lillian Osborne Remembrance Ceremony

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Lillian Osborne School conducted a Remembrance Ceremony.

There was a short break in the meeting.

E. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair welcomed the Student Senators, three Student Trustees Elect and guests attending virtually. The Board Chair explained that the Student Senate is comprised of students from across the Division's 24 high schools

The Board Chair advised that the Honouring Spirit Indigenous Student Awards are intended to recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path and embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while celebrating the ways of their people.

The Board Chair shared that this award is sponsored by the Alberta Schools Boards Association (ASBA) and is co-hosted by the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Alberta Education, in collaboration with the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS), Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) and the Alberta Teachers' Association.

The Board Chair said that student nominees have demonstrated commitment to their culture and community, learning or speaking their traditional language, traditional dancing, participating in celebrations and ceremonies and teaching others about their culture.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Board Chair congratulated the students being honoured in 2020.

- Miranda Gilchrist-McCollum – Grade 5 – Afton School
- Angel Applegarth – Grade 8 – Dan Knott Junior High

The Board Chair stated that as COVID-19 cases in the City of Edmonton continue to increase, Edmonton Public schools continue to see cases increase in Division schools. She said while it is a relief that in-school transmission remains relatively low, it is concerning to see more than 250 cases in about half of the Division's schools. The Board Chair reminded everyone that there is a collective responsibility to stop the spread of COVID-19 and thereby keep it out of schools.

The Board Chair acknowledged the passing of Joey Moss and said that though she never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Moss, the way in which he led his life and inspired so many made her feel like she had. The Board Chair shared that Joey Moss was an inspiration, not just to sports fans but to so many Edmontonians. His life was an example of what can happen when we believe in inclusion and embracing people's abilities.

The Board Chair stated that on November 11, people will reflect and remember those who have served or are currently serving with our country's Armed Forces. Though Remembrance Day will be very different this year than in years past, it is important to still take a moment to honour the sacrifices of those during times of war, but also times of peace.

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The Board Chair thanked principals and other Division staff who took part in catchment conversations, sharing what is working and the challenges of returning to school in a pandemic. The Board Chair reports that it was inspiring to hear the importance Division leaders are placing on supporting students right now and also to hear about all the hard work and creativity happening in Division schools during a global pandemic.

F. Communications from the Superintendent

The Superintendent thanked the Trustees who attended the 2020 catchment conversations and said their attendance is very much appreciated.

The Superintendent advised that next week there are no classes from November 11 to November 13. He explained that this is due to Remembrance Day, a Teacher's Day in Lieu, and a Board Declared Non-instructional Day. On behalf of the Division's staff, the Superintendent thanked the Board of Trustees for their approval of the 2020-2021 school year calendar.

The Superintendent shared that it has been a very busy first couple months of school and that he hopes everyone has a chance to slow down and catch their breath during the short November break.

G. Receipt of Oaths of Office – Student Trustees Elect:

Oaths of Office were received from:

- Sarah Freeman – Strathcona School
- Helen Pan – Old Scona School
- Ellen You – Harry Ainlay School

H. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #04 – October 20, 2020

MOVED BY Vice-Chair Dunn:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #04 held October 20, 2020, be approved as printed.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

J. Reports

2. Student Senate 2020-2021 Work Plan

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The Student Trustees presented the Student Senate work plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

3. Board Chair Discretionary Expense Allowance Report 2019-2020

A report of the expenses incurred under the Board Chair's discretionary allowance for the period of September 2019 – June 2020 was provided for information.

4. Impact of Changes to the Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD)
(Response to Request for Information #079)

Trustee Dunn requested the following information:

Please confirm if the 2019-2020 column included all of the AHS employees (or all staff who would have been paid through the previous RCSD banker board).

How many professionals were available to students including both EPSB-employed staff and AHS-employed staff in 2019-2020 and how does this compare to the current year? Or another way to put it, I'd like to know what the \$11 million RCSD grant was spent on in 2019-2020 and what the \$11 million we now receive directly is spent on — did we replace all of the positions that had previously been paid for by the banker board/AHS?

K. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Ip had the pleasure of bringing greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the grand opening of the Donald R. Getty School playground on October 29, 2020. Trustee Ip presented a certificate to the playground society, school council and community volunteers in recognition of their fundraising efforts for the playground. Councillor Cartmell, MLA Dang, Principal Collier and former Principal Steenwinkel also attended.

During Read-In Week, Trustee Ip spoke about the role of a trustee to Mr. Skinner's Grade 6 class at Nellie Carlson School as part of their social studies unit on local government. Trustee Ip would also like to thank Dr. Margaret Ann Armour School, Dr. Lila Fahlman School, and Constable Daniel Woodall School for inviting him to participate in Read-In Week.

Trustee Ip also thanked the many schools in Ward H for the opportunity to connect with school councils at their virtual meetings over the months of September and October. Trustee Ip appreciated being a part of Principal Lundell's meeting with parents in preparation for Quarter Two.

Trustee Adams said that she appreciated the 2020 catchment conversations very much and complimented the principals and teachers for their continual collaboration. Trustee Adams reported participation in online parent council meetings is increasing, which is encouraging.

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- L. **Trustee and Board Requests for Information** – None
- M. **Notices of Motion** - None
- N. **Meeting Dates**: Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
- O. **Adjournment**: 3:40 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations