

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #12**

Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of Alberta meeting held in Centre for Education McCauley Chambers on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Dawn Hancock
Marcia Hole
Nathan Ip

Julie Kusiek
Marsha Nelson
Sherri O'Keefe

Jan Sawyer
Saadiq Sumar

Officials

Angela Anderson
Todd Burnstad
Grace Cooke
Ron MacNeil

Karen Mills
Leona Morrison
Kathy Muhlethaler
Kent Pharis

Nancy Petersen
Darrel Robertson
Carrie Rosa
Liz Yule

Acting Board Chair: Nathan Ip

Recording Secretary: Catherine Angeles

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. O Canada

B. Roll Call: 2:01 p.m.

The Superintendent advised Board Chair Estabrooks was absent and Trustee Kusiek joined remotely. All other Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Trustee Hole:

**“That agenda item 10, Confirmation of Trustee Representations on Committees, be deferred to the June 7 Board meeting.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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MOVED BY Trustee Nelson:

**“That the agenda for the May 17, 2022, Board meeting be approved as amended.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Acting Board Chair

The Acting Board Chair shared that May is Asian Heritage Month. Trustees wore a pin in support of the Asian Gold Ribbon Campaign. He said the Asian Gold Ribbon Campaign was created by Dr. Gina Wong to celebrate and highlight Asian cultures and heritage as well as to unite in solidarity against all forms of racism and discrimination. He advised that on May 20, several Division schools were also participating in this campaign.

The Acting Board Chair shared that Trustees had the opportunity to officially celebrate the opening of several new schools in the Division. Many of the openings had been delayed due to the pandemic. He acknowledged the previous Board of Trustees who advocated for funding of new schools. He also thanked the Government of Alberta for recognizing the need and funding new learning spaces in rapidly growing neighbourhoods. The Board looks forward to future funding announcements to support the growth of the Division.

The Acting Board Chair thanked everyone involved in the design and construction of the new schools. He said each building thoughtfully reflects the life and contributions of the namesake and the school community. He acknowledged the principals, staff and others involved in the school openings. He stated the new schools are a great addition to the communities, where students will learn and thrive.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent stated that May 20 is the start of May break. He wished everyone a restful relaxing time with family and friends.

F. Approval of the Minutes

1. Board Meeting #11 – May 3, 2022

MOVED BY Trustee Hole:

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held May 3, 2022, be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

There were no registered speakers for this item.

H. Reports

2. Renaming of Dan Knott School

A short video presentation was shared acknowledging the new name for Dan Knott School as kisêwâtisiwin (pronounced ki se wât si win), meaning kindness, or the act of being kind.

3. Analysis of Overall Per Student Funding and Impact of the Weighted Moving Average (Response to Request for Information #010)

Information was provided regarding the request for information RFI #010.

4. Allocation of Surplus for Mental Health Support Update

An update was provided regarding the allocation of surplus funds for mental health supports and programs.

There was a short break in the meeting.

5. Report #08 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held May 3, 2022)

Information was provided regarding actions taken at the May 3, 2022, Caucus Committee meeting.

6. 2022-2023 Non-Resident Fees and 2024-2024 International Student Fees

MOVED BY Trustee O'Keefe:

**"That the proposed 2022-2023 Non-Alberta Resident fees and Special Needs Non-Resident fees be approved (Attachment I)."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee O'Keefe:

**"That the proposed 2023-2024 International Student Tuition fee of \$13,000.00 and an International Student Application fee of \$250.00 be approved (Attachment I)."
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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7. Transportation Fees for 2022-2023

MOVED BY Trustee Sumar:

“That the attached 2021-2022 Student Transportation Fee Schedule (Attachment I) be extended for the 2022-2023 school year.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Board Policy HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct Annual Review

MOVED BY Trustee Sawyer:

“That the Policy Review Committee’s recommendation that Board Policy HG.BP Student Behaviour and Conduct remain as written, based on the 2022 annual review be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. First, Second, Third and Final Reading of Board Policy CO.BP Fiscal Oversight and Accountability

MOVED BY Trustee Sawyer:

“That Board Policy CO.BP Fiscal Oversight and Accountability be read for the first, second, third and final time and be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

There was a short break in the meeting.

10. Confirmation of Trustee Representations on Committees

This item was deferred to the June 7, 2022, Board meeting.

11. ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee

MOVED BY Acting Board Chair Ip:

“That the following recommendations be approved as the voting direction for the Edmonton Public School Board at the ASBA 2022 SGM:

- 1. Support a two per cent increase to membership fees for the 2022-2023 Budget.**
- 2. Support the emergent position statement on a fuel contingency fund if it applies to contract carriers.**
- 3. Support the emergent position statement advocating that September 30th be declared a statutory holiday.”**

MOVED BY Acting Board Chair Ip:

“That a motion to divide be approved.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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The motion was divided and voted on in the following order:

MOVED BY Acting Board Chair Ip:

“That the following recommendation be approved as the voting direction for the Edmonton Public School Board at the ASBA 2022 SGM:

**1. Support a two per cent increase to membership fees for the 2022-2023 Budget.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Acting Board Chair Ip:

“That the following recommendation be approved as the voting direction for the Edmonton Public School Board at the ASBA 2022 SGM:

**2. Support the emergent position statement on a fuel contingency fund if it applies to contract carriers.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Acting Board Chair Ip:

“That the following recommendation be approved as the voting direction for the Edmonton Public School Board at the ASBA 2022 SGM:

**3. Support the emergent position statement advocating that September 30th be declared a statutory holiday.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

12. Edmonton Public Schools Foundation’s Updated Fundraising Priorities

An update was provided on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation’s fundraising priorities.

I. Other Committee, Board Representatives and Trustee Reports

Trustee Kusiek shared that on May 11 she held a meeting with School Council Chairs and Vice-Chairs from across Ward F. Twenty different Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Ward F School Councils, representing 15 different schools, RSVP’d. She advised that there were two strong messages from participants: advocacy and collaboration. The Chairs who attended wanted to be the strongest advocates possible for public education. They want to collaborate to do that and to continue to build stronger School Councils. She is looking forward to continuing to help provide ways for School Councils to get to know one another and share ideas. Trustee Kusiek thanked all School Council volunteers out there. Their work in partnership with the Division principals and schools is vital.

J. Trustees and Board Requests for Information - None

K. Notices of Motions - None

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L. **Next Board Meeting: Friday, May 27, 2022, at 9 a.m.**

M. **Adjournment: 5:56 p.m.**

The Acting Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Nathan Ip, Acting Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations