

MINUTE BOOK**Board Meeting #14**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of Alberta held in the Centre for Education, McCauley Chambers on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Present:**Trustees**

Trisha Estabrooks
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

Board Chair: Trisha Estabrooks

Recording Secretary: Catherine Angeles

The Board Chair called the meeting to order with a land acknowledgement. She said that during school openings, we have heard some meaningful land acknowledgements. She has learned new Cree words such as nitohtmawain (Nee-toe-MA-wane), which means listen. She has heard that the land feeds us, the land holds us up and the importance of Nipi - or water in Cree. And so we listen, we learn and we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, we are all treaty people and we acknowledge this land, the history and the current work we have to do on our journey of truth and reconciliation.

A. O Canada

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

C. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY Board Chair Estabrooks:

**“That the agenda item H-6, Confirmation of Trustee Representation on Committees, be deferred to the June 21, 2022, Board meeting.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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MOVED BY Trustee Sumar:

**“That the agenda for the June 7, 2022, Board meeting be approved as amended.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

D. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair reported that the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) will host the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards. These awards celebrate exceptional students nominated by members of their education communities, based on their exemplary leadership, honour, courage, and commitment to their culture and education paths. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Board Chair congratulated the Division’s Honourable Mention recipients:

- Ladainion Manyguns, Grade 10 student at Dr. Anne Anderson
- Khloe Galbraith, Grade 3 student at Bannerman
- Ivy Brandsma, Grade 7 student at Bessie Nichols
- Keaira Marios, Grade 12 student at Braemar
- Chance Carlson, Grade 12 student at J. Percy Page
- Tiara Quinney, Grade 12 student at Ross Sheppard
- Trinity James, Grade 12 student at Ross Sheppard
- Kale Patenaude, Grade 11 student at Victoria

She said that the Board is pleased to celebrate the students’ accomplishments and commitment to their culture that they’ve demonstrated, as well as their contributions to their school communities.

The Board Chair recognized that June is National Indigenous History month. The Division will be taking part in a celebration of this month on June 21, National Indigenous People’s Day, but the Board Chair did want to take a moment to highlight how critical it is that we all learn from and educate ourselves on the history of the first peoples of this land. It’s a month dedicated to the history of Indigenous people, but it is so important to recognize not only the past but the future as well.

The Board Chair also recognized that June is Pride month. For the Division, the week of June 6 to 10th is Pride Week in our schools. She looks forward to seeing more chalk rainbows, guest speakers and celebrations that mark the importance of belonging, and of inclusion for all 2SLGBTQIA+ students and families.

The Board Chair shared that the Division continues to celebrate the opening of new schools and graduations. It has been an incredibly busy time for Division staff, students and families and on behalf of the Board, she would like to thank everyone who has helped organize these significant events - celebrations that are lifting us up.

The Board Chair advised that this past weekend, the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) and the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) held their spring meetings. She said they

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were good, productive meetings, with discussions on issues facing Trustees across the province. Unfortunately, the position statement the Board brought forward on funding for a mental health professional for every school was not considered as emergent. The Board had support from many boards to have the discussion but ultimately it did not receive enough support. The Board will continue to advocate for additional funding to support student mental health in schools so we can meet kids where they're at.

The Board Chair expressed thanks to the Edmonton families and parents who had reached out to ask about the Division budget passed at the last board meeting. She appreciated the interest in how the Division allocates money and questions around the challenges the Division is facing due to a tight budget. The Board of Trustees will continue to advocate for adequate, sustainable funding for the students and families they serve.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent congratulated Karen Abrahamson, a music specialist at Elizabeth Finch school. Karen received the Stan Morris Excellence in Handbell Teaching Award from the Alberta Guild of English Handbell Ringers. She was recognized for a commitment to developing handbell artistry and instilling the joy of music making in her students. Congratulations to Elizabeth Finch school.

The Superintendent expressed his sincere congratulations to the graduates and how wonderful it is to be attending graduations in person. He thanked staff in our high schools across the Division, acknowledging that graduation is a significant event to put on and many people are involved. Grad councils and students put a lot of hours into making those events so memorable. The Superintendent expressed his appreciation to the Board for making time to attend the celebrations with the graduates across the city. He wished all of the graduates all the best in their journey through their adult lives and he is proud of the many accomplishments that they've made.

The Superintendent announced that the following principals have been confirmed, effective September 1, 2022:

- Colbie Bell, McArthur
- Sheelagh Brown, Oliver
- Linda Derksen, J.A. Fife
- Fatima Dayoub, Malmo
- Nouha El-Ali, Horse Hill
- Elizabeth Fraser, Sakaw
- Suzanne Fuller, Rideau Park
- Eileen George, Malcolm Tweddle
- Shannon Gilson, Princeton
- Shane Grundy, Belmont
- Dao Haddad, Kensington
- Shannon Harwood, Centennial
- Jeff Neilson, Elmwood
- Deanna Neilson, Satoo
- Sharilyn Purych, Daly Grove
- Charlene Roberge, Grovenor
- John Scammell, Glengarry
- Jill Sharun, John Barnett
- Kris Simpson, Spruce Avenue
- Crystal Sinclair, Ormsby
- David Sloan, Calder
- Damian Wilkinson, Overlanders
- Randy Witte, Grace Martin

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1. Board Meeting #12 – May 17, 2022
2. Board Meeting #13 – May 27, 2022

MOVED BY Vice-Chair Ip:

**“That the minutes of the Board meeting held May 17, 2022, and the Special Board meeting held on May 27, 2022, both be approved as printed.”
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

There was a short break in the meeting.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The Board of Trustees heard from one registered speaker for this item.

H. Reports

3. Student Senate – Summary of Work Accomplished

Student Trustees Ryan Fang, Angelina Raina and Jasmine Virk presented a summary of their work in support of their 2021-2022 Work Plan.

There was a short break in the meeting.

4. Locally Developed Courses

MOVED BY Trustee Nelson:

“That the following LDCs be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026:

- Arabic Language and Culture Twelve-year (12Y)
- Art and Design: Ceramics 7-8-9
- Art and Design: Drawing 7-8-9
- Art and Design: Painting 7-8-9
- Art and Design: Photography 7-8-9
- Exploration of Film 7-8-9
- Indigenous Studies 7-8-9
- Learning Strategies 15-25-35 (3 and 5 credits)”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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There was a short break in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Sumar that the motion be amended as follows:**“Move to amend the calendar as follows:**

- **September 25th transitions from a Professional Development Day to a Board Approved Non-Instructional Day**
- **November 13th transitions from a Board Approved Non-Instructional Day to a Professional Development Day”**

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment.**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Kusiek and Sumar****OPPOSED: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Hole, Ip, Nelson, O’Keefe and Sawyer****(DEFEATED)****MOVED BY Trustee Kusiek that the motion be amended as follows:****“Move to amend the calendar as follows:**

- **September 25th transitions from a Professional Development Day to a Board Approved Non-Instructional Day**
- **May 22nd transitions from a Board Approved Non-Instructional Day to a Professional Development Day”**

The Board Chair called the question on the amendment.**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Hole, Ip, Kusiek, and Sumar****OPPOSED: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Nelson, O’Keefe and Sawyer****(DEFEATED)**

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The Board Chair called the question on the original amended motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Estabrooks, Hancock, Ip, Kusiek, Nelson, O’Keefe and Sawyer

OPPOSED: Trustees Hole and Sumar

(CARRIED)

There was a short break in the meeting.

MOVED BY Board Chair Estabrooks:

“That the agenda item H-7, Governance and Evaluation Committee Work Plan Summary, be deferred to the June 21, 2022 Board meeting.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Vice-Chair Ip:

“That the Board meeting be extended beyond 6 p.m.”

(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Confirmation of Trustee Representation on Committees

This report was deferred to the June 21, 2022, Board meeting.

7. Governance and Evaluation Committee 2021-2022 Work Plan Summary

This report was deferred to the June 21, 2022, Board meeting.

8. Annual Seclusion Room Update

An update was provided on the use of seclusion rooms and restraint in Division schools.

9. Rising Utility Costs
(Response to Request for Information #009)

Information was provided regarding the Request for Information #009.

I. Other Committee, Board Representatives and Trustee Reports

Trustee Nelson shared that the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation’s Reading for Life Read-A-Thon was a huge success. The total amount raised was \$28,653 and there were 3,422 books read. She thanked the Trustee team who raised \$4,170. Trustee Hancock, Kusiek, Nelson and O’Keefe were also listed in the Top 10 Fundraisers for the Division. She congratulated everyone on a job well done.

J. Trustees and Board Requests for Information - None

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K. **Notices of Motions** - None

L. **Next Board Meeting**: Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 2 p.m.

M. **Adjournment**: 6:55 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

Karen Mills, Director of Board and
Superintendent Relations