

**MINUTE BOOK****Board Meeting #15**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division of Alberta held in Centre for Education McCauley Chambers on Tuesday, June 21, 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  
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 and wished everyone a Happy National Indigenous Day. Tan say Oki, etlaneta. Greetings in Cree, Blackfoot and Dene. Today we celebrate alongside First Nations, Metis, Inuit communities. We celebrate this land, the original inhabitants of this land and acknowledge that we celebrate here on Treaty 6. We are all treaty people.

**A. O Canada  
Recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day**

Ms. Sheila Williams, a consultant with the Division, sang O Canada in Cree.

Ms. Clarice Anderson, Supervisor with the Division's First Nations, Métis and Inuit unit, spoke and shared the Qulliq video which highlighted the significance of the traditional oil lamp in Inuit culture.

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

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### **C. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY Trustee Nelson:**

**“That the agenda for the June 21, 2022, Board meeting be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **D. Communications from the Board Chair**

On behalf of the Board, the Board Chair extend a sincere and huge thank you to staff in the Division who have done amazing work to support students, families and each other as we navigated another year of a global pandemic. The Board Chair continues to believe that the Division will emerge stronger as a result of the pandemic and, as she has shared many times at school council meetings, a silver lining of this pandemic is a renewed appreciation for the value of public education, for the staff that work in our schools and for our school communities.

The Board Chair said it has been amazing to see so many fun, colourful, inspirational events happening in our schools as the school year wraps up, in particular, the Pride celebrations, and just how critical it is that all students see themselves reflected in our schools, and that our schools are safe, welcoming and inclusive environments.

The Board Chair expressed thanks to her colleagues for their hard work, their passion for public education and their service to the students and families they serve. They have jumped into this work as a new Board of Trustees with such heart and energy. She feels humbled to serve with them all at this pivotal moment in public education for our province.

The Board Chair wished everyone a wonderful, happy, healthy and safe summer.

### **E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent welcomed principals Tara Copeman and Christine Simmons. They are members of the Superintendent’s Community of Practice in Education (SCOPE) Committee.

The Superintendent said that this year was the most challenging year that the Division has had during the pandemic. He thanked all the families and the students for their patience and their flexibility over the past year, as it was greatly appreciated.

The Superintendent thanked the staff for their dedication, their innovation and their collaboration. The staff have done amazing work across all of the schools in the Division. He also thanked the central leaders working to support the schools. They have done incredible work and he was very grateful to all of them.

The Superintendent thanked the Board for their support and their advocacy to the Province around things the Division needed during the pandemic.

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The Superintendent advised that the Division is looking forward to welcoming approximately 107,000 students in the fall.

The Superintendent wished everyone a healthy and relaxing summer break. He looks forward to seeing everyone again in September.

### **F. Approval of the Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #14 – June 7, 2022

**MOVED BY Trustee Hole:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #14 held June 21, 2022, be approved as printed.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **G. Recognition**

2. Michael A. Strembitsky Award of Excellence

The Board Chair announced the following students as recipients of the Michael A. Strembitsky Award of Excellence:

- Gold Medal – Juliana Concini, Strathcona School
- Silver Medal – Jonathan Afowork, McNally School
- Bronze Medal – Ayesha Irfan, Queen Elizabeth School

There was a short break in the meeting.

### **H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

There were no registered speakers for this item.

### **I. Reports**

3. 2022-2026 Division Strategic Plan

**MOVED BY Trustee O'Keefe:**

**“That Board Policy AD.BP Vision, Mission, Values and Priorities be read for the first, second, third and final time and be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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4. Four-Year Education Plan (2022-2026)

**MOVED BY Trustee Sumar:**

**“That the Edmonton Public Schools’ Four-Year Education Plan (2022-2026) be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Governance and Evaluation Committee Work Plan Summary

A summary was provided of the work accomplished by the Governance and Evaluation Committee over the 2021-2022 school year.

6. Infrastructure Committee Work Plan Summary

A summary was provided of the work accomplished by the Infrastructure Committee over the 2021-2022 school year.

7. Policy Review Committee Work Plan Summary

A summary was provided of the work accomplished by the Policy Review Committee over the 2021-2022 school year.

8. Delegation of Authority – 2022 Summer Recess

**MOVED BY Trustee Hole:**

**“1. That in accordance with Section 3 of the *Education Act* Board Procedures Regulation, any special Board meetings during the 2022 summer recess be at the call of the Board Chair or, in their absence, the Board Vice-Chair.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“2. That in accordance with Section 52(1) of the *Education Act*, effective immediately following the June 21, 2022, Organizational Board meeting, delegation of authority to the Superintendent of Schools to make decisions during the 2022 summer recess on behalf of the Board be approved.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**“3. That a report of all such decisions be brought to the first public Board meeting in the fall of 2022.”  
(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**MINUTE BOOK****J. Other Committee, Board Representatives and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Nelson provided a Foundation update. The Foundation was grateful for the unprecedented support through this year's Reading for Life Read-A-Thon and Fundraiser. There were 150 readers, 4,000 books read and almost \$30,000 raised. The funds will help support many kids who don't have access to technology at home and they will receive their own Chromebook to support their learning. Many of the Division's youngest learners will benefit from more time in the classroom at full-day Kindergarten, instead of the standard half-day. School snack bowls will be kept full and more classrooms will have access to mental health supports that keep the kids focused on enjoying their learning.

Trustee Nelson gave a shout-out to the Stingers Edmonton basketball team for their support of our students and the creation of the Fresh Hoops program. Through this partnership, the Foundation was able to update the outdoor basketball court at John D. Bracco School, giving new life to a space that is central to the school's student community. She also thanked the Stingers players who came out to break in the court with the student athletes and then hosted them at the Stinger's first home game at the EXPO Centre. The Foundation is looking forward to refreshing many more outdoor courts with their partnership with the Fresh Hoops program.

Trustee Nelson stated that the Foundation is focused on ensuring that they have the funds available to support their programs for the 2023 school year and beyond. She reminded everyone that the Foundation was still accepting applications for people interested in sitting on the Foundation Board. For those who wish to learn more or to get involved, please contact the Foundation's team at [foundation@epsb.ca](mailto:foundation@epsb.ca).

**K. Trustees and Board Requests for Information - None**

**L. Notices of Motions - None**

**M. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 2 p.m.**

**N. Adjournment: 3:38 p.m.**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Trisha Estabrooks, Board Chair

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Karen Mills, Director of Board and  
Superintendent Relations