

DATE: May 14, 2024

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Sawyer, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #11 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held on April 9, 2024)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendations were approved at the April 9, 2024, Caucus Committee meeting:

1. Request for Funds for 2024 Parent Appreciation Night

That the Board of Trustees approve an allocation of up to \$6,000 from the Board Initiative Fund to host a parent/family appreciation evening.

BACKGROUND

Board-hosted events are one way to thank families, as well as parent and caregiver volunteers, for the role they play in our school communities. It is also an opportunity for Edmonton Public parents and families to connect with their Trustee.

2. Proposed Update to Real Estate Strategy Values Statement

That the following values statement for the Real Estate Strategy be approved:

The Edmonton Public Schools Board of Trustees makes real estate decisions to fulfil our commitment to high quality public education that serve the community and empower each student to live a life of dignity, fulfilment, empathy and possibility.

Our decisions are guided by:

1. Focusing students at the centre of our work
2. Ensuring safe, welcoming and high-quality learning environments
3. Supporting strong and vibrant communities
4. Fiscal and environmental stewardship
5. Using real estate proceeds for public education

BACKGROUND

The Real Estate Strategy was initiated to develop and recommend a course of action for non-operational properties and vacant reserve sites.

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