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- **Board Meeting #12** -

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

Leslie Cleary
David Colburn
Sarah Hoffman

Michael Janz
Cheryl Johner
Heather MacKenzie

Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka
Christopher Spencer

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Bruce Coggles
David Fraser

Mark Liguori
Ron MacNeil
Jamie Pallett

Tanni Parker
Brian Smith
Tash Taylor

Board Chair: David Colburn

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Pam Crozier

A. O Canada 

Staff Group Representatives

Edmonton Public Teachers – Ed Butler, President

B. **Roll Call:** (2:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all Trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that, at the February 28, 2012 board meeting, he served notice of motion regarding the establishment of a student advisory council, that motion will be dealt with at the April 10, 2012 board meeting.

The Board Chair advised that March 8th was the 101st Anniversary of International Women's Day. The day was created as an opportunity to recognize women around the world for their political, economic and social achievements. He added his own congratulations to all of the women working for the district, who make vital contributions to student learning, the work of public education and the success of Edmonton Public Schools.

The Board Chair advised that the Alberta Teachers' Association Provincial Executive Council has proclaimed March 12th to 16th as Substitute Teachers' Appreciation Week for the 2011-2012 school year. Substitute teachers play an essential role in maintaining the continuity and excellence of the learning process. The role of the substitute teacher carries the same daily responsibilities of instruction, marking, discipline and supervision as that of regular classroom teachers.

The Board Chair advised that March 21st is the Annual United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Racial and ethnic discrimination occur on a daily basis, hindering progress for millions of people around the world. Racism and intolerance can take various forms – from denying individuals the basic principles of equality to fuelling ethnic hatred that may lead to genocide – all of which can destroy lives and fracture communities.

The first article of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination reminds us of our collective responsibility for promoting and protecting this ideal.

The Board Chair advised that he visited City Hall School on March 7, 2012. He appreciated the opportunity to visit the school and was impressed by the interactive learning environment that inspires social responsibility and citizenship. He encouraged Trustees to visit City Hall School as well as the upcoming Citizenship Day that will take place at the school in June.

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The Board Chair advised that the Community Relations Committee has been engaged with school tours during the past week. The tours provide an invaluable opportunity for Trustees to engage in open-ended conversations with staff. Trustees are impressed by the constant passion, intelligence and commitment displayed by staff. He encouraged Trustees to attend an upcoming school tour.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that, on March 12, 2012, the District hosted the Minister of Education of Singapore in two district schools. Minister of Education, Minister Lukaszak, along with the Minister from Singapore visited Lillian Osborne High School and West Edmonton Christian School. The delegation was examining ways schools engage parents and the community in their ongoing work. Ward Trustees Ripley and Spencer were able to participate in the visit, as well as Assistant Superintendents Liguori and Coggles. The Board Chair joined the delegation for a luncheon prior to the visits. This is a proud moment for our schools and for the District as we shared our knowledge, expertise and hospitality with our guests.

The Superintendent advised that, recently, the Grade 1 students from Westbrook School walked to Harry Ainlay with their teachers and parent volunteers. Harry Ainlay is the designated high school in that area and where many of them will be attending someday. Grade 12 leadership students at Harry Ainlay took the Grade 1's on a tour of the school following the school's timetable including visits to classrooms and the school's welding shop. The purpose of the visit is to introduce the children to their future and give them a sense of what they have to look forward to. This is one of the direct benefits of our School Catchment structure as knowledge and expertise is shared between and among schools.

The Superintendent advised that McKernan School will be the starting point for the Edmonton portion of the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay on Wednesday, March 14th. The relay, which began last August in Newfoundland, celebrates people who have made a difference in the lives of others; the progress communities have made in the area of accessibility; and the 25th Anniversary of Rick Hansen's original *Man in Motion World Tour*. McKernan's Relay Celebration begins at 9:00 a.m. and includes a message from Rick Hansen and the ceremonial transfer of the Rick Hansen Medal to McKernan student, Rachel Tyzuk. Five other district schools are also on the official relay route, including: Queen Alexandra, Victoria, Westmount, J. Percy Page and Kameyosek. In addition, Elder Francis Whiskeyjack, along with two students from Amiskwaciy Academy, will escort the medal when it makes a stop at the Aboriginal Memorial at the Fort Edmonton Cemetery.

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The 25th Anniversary Relay is being completed with the help of 7,000 Canadians from coast to coast. The relay will have travelled 12,000 kilometers through 600 communities when it concludes in Vancouver on May 22nd.

E. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #11 – February 28, 2012

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #11 held February 28, 2012 be approved as printed.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Grant Shaigec, Vice-Chair Johnny Bright School Council, advised that Ward H is the most populous ward and yet has the fewest number of schools. Parents are concerned that, with many new homes being built and young families moving into the community, the school will be at a breaking point in the very near future.

Ms Lisa Nordin advised that Johnny Bright School has exceeded her expectations as a parent. With the school’s classrooms at capacity and many young families in the neighbourhood, Ms Nordin spoke on behalf of new school construction staying a priority.

Ms Shauna MacDonald expressed concern regarding the lunch program at her child’s school. Because Ms MacDonald’s comments would have named specific staff members, the Board Chair asked Ms. MacDonald to put her concerns in writing; the Board Chair committed to responding to those concerns.

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G. Recognition

2. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

MOVED BY Trustee Cleary:

“That the report entitled ‘Edwin Parr Teacher Award’ be received for information.”

Ms Lisa Mol, a teacher at Parkview School, was named the District’s nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

H. Reports

3. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 6, 2012)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“1. That Report #7 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held March 6, 2012 be received and considered.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“2. That the Board recommend its early education advocacy statement to the Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta (PSBAA) for them to adopt and incorporate into their *Work Plan*.”

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “3. That the Board request a professional development session be added to the Public School Boards’ Council (PSBC) April meeting agenda on a topic related to ‘sexual and gender minority inclusion within public education’; and that this session include a youth panel.”**

Trustee MacKenzie offered the following friendly amendment:

- “That the Board request a professional development session be added to the next possible Public School Boards’ Council (PSBC) meeting agenda on a topic related to ‘sexual and gender minority inclusion within public education’; and that this session include a youth panel.”**

The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “4. That the Board recommend the PSBAA Bylaws and practice be revised to include weighted voting, based on the number of students each Board represents, similar to the ASBA model.”**

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie, Shipka and Spencer

OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary and Ripley

The Motion was CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “5. That the Board recommend a PSBAA Bylaws revision to include three directors representing a Metro, Rurban and Rural perspective on the PSBAA Executive.”**

Trustee MacKenzie suggested the following friendly amendment:

- “That the Board recommend a PSBAA Bylaws revision to include three directors representing a Metro, Small Urban Board and Rural perspective on the PSBAA Executive.”**

The Board Chair suggested that Trustees vote on the original motion and requested the Administration choose the most appropriate wording when preparing the response.

The Board Chair called the question on the Original Motion.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “6. That the Role and Responsibility description for PSBC Council representative be added to the Public School Board Council section of the Bylaws.”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “7. That the Board recommend, with reference to Priority 1 of the Workplan (Promote and Support Public Education), that the PSBAA update and strengthen the Foundation Statement (The E4 Framework) around the idea that in public education, “everyone is in” with greater specificity around what that means (includes LGBTQ, different cultures, socio economic status, etc).”**

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“8. That the Board recommend, with respect to the PSBAA Special Recognition Draft Policy, that the PSBAA remove the Long Service for Public School Trustee.”

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Hoffman, Janz, MacKenzie and Spencer

OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Johner, Ripley and Shipka

The Motion was DEFEATED

The Board took a short break at this point.

4. Motion re Twenty-Year Infrastructure Plan

MOVED BY Trustee Spencer:

“Building on the ELEVATE Report recommendations, that the District develop a 20-year infrastructure plan, in conjunction with communities, other levels of government and school boards, to enrich life-long learning opportunities and provide supports for children and families, and which may include renewal of existing facilities, modernizations, consolidations, replacement schools, cross-district partnerships, expansions, right-sizing and new school construction. The plan should include some small schools in the spirit of the District’s commitment to offering choice for families. Trustees will contribute to creating effective public engagement around this work, with the Moratorium Committee providing oversight, and its terms of reference shall be considered amended to include this function.”

MOVED By Trustee MacKenzie:

“That the motion be deferred to the first board meeting in September 2012.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Deferral Motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Hoffman and MacKenzie

OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Janz, Johner, Ripley, Shipka and Spencer

The Deferral Motion was DEFEATED.

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MOVED By Trustee Hoffman:

“That the motion be amended to read as follows: Building on the ELEVATE Report recommendations, that the Administration review and update the Ten-Year Facilities Plan in conjunction with communities, other levels of government and school boards, to enrich life-long learning opportunities and provide supports for children and families, and which may include renewal of existing facilities, modernizations, consolidations, replacement schools, cross-district partnerships, expansions, right-sizing and new school construction. The plan should include some small schools in the spirit of the District’s commitment to offering choice for families.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Johner, MacKenzie, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Janz and Spencer

The Amendment was CARRIED.

MOVED By Trustee MacKenzie:

“That the motion be amended to read as follows: Building on the ELEVATE Report recommendations, that the Administration review and update the Ten-Year Facilities Plan in conjunction with communities, other levels of government and school boards, to enrich life-long learning opportunities and provide supports for children and families, and which may include renewal of existing facilities, modernizations, consolidations, replacement schools, cross-district partnerships, expansions, right-sizing and new school construction. The plan should demonstrate our District’s commitment to offering choice for families and reflect the new vision, mission and priorities.”

Trustee Ripley offered the following friendly amendment:

“That the word ‘priorities’ be deleted.”

The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.

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The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment:

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Johner, MacKenzie, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Janz and Spencer

The Amendment was CARRIED.

Trustee Cleary left the meeting at this point.

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the motion be amended to add the following statement: to support excellent K-12 education prior to ... enrich life-long learning opportunities.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Spencer and MacKenzie

The Amendment was CARRIED.

Trustee Cleary was absent for this vote.

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the question be called.”

The Board Chair called the vote on calling the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Trustee Cleary was absent for this vote.

Trustee Cleary returned to the meeting at this time.

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The Board Chair called the question on the Recommendation as Amended (*Building on the Elevate Report recommendations, that Administration review and update the Ten-Year Facilities Plan in conjunction with communities, other levels of government and school boards, to support excellent K-12 education, enrich life-long learning opportunities and provide supports for children and families, and which may include renewal of existing facilities, modernizations, consolidations, replacement schools, cross-district partnerships, expansions, right-sizing and new school construction. The plan should demonstrate our District’s commitment to offering choice for families and reflect the new vision and mission).*”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Johner, Ripley, and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Janz, MacKenzie and Spencer

The Motion was CARRIED.

The Board took a short break at this point.

The Board agreed to discuss Report #7 at this point in the meeting.

7. District Three Year Capital Plan 2013 – 2016

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the District *Three-Year Capital Plan 2013-2016* be approved for submission to Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure.”

MOVED BY Trustee Mackenzie:

“That the Capital Plan be amended to remove references to new school construction.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees MacKenzie and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Cleary, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, Ripley and Spencer

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the Capital Plan be amended to move the new K-9 Terwillegar Heights School and the new K-9 Heritage Valley School to positions #3 and #4 on the priority list.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Janz and Ripley

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Johner, MacKenzie, Shipka and Spencer

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

Trustee MacKenzie left the meeting at this time for the duration of the meeting.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE SPENCER:

“That the Capital Plan be amended to move Priorities 3 and 4 (Highlands and Montrose) into Year Two.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Spencer

OPPOSED: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, Ripley and Shipka

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

Trustee MacKenzie was absent for this vote.

The Board Chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Johner and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Janz, Ripley and Spencer

The Motion was CARRIED.

Trustee MacKenzie was absent for this vote.

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The Board took a short break at this point.

Trustee Cleary left at this point in the meeting for the duration of the meeting.

5. Motion re Development of Active Transportation Plan for All Schools

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“In alignment with District Priority 4 (promote health and wellness for all students and staff) over the next three years, the District shall develop active transportation plans for all schools to support safe and healthy transportation options for students. These plans shall be shared with school councils and progress will be reported to the board in conjunction with our annual reports.”

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka

“That the motion be deferred to a future board meeting.”

The Board Chair called the question on the Deferral Motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustee Johner

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Ripley, Shipka and Spencer

The Deferral Motion was DEFEATED.

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the motion be amended to read as follows: *In alignment with District Priority 4 (promote health and wellness for all students and staff) the administration shall provide information on the feasibility, over the next three years, of the District developing active transportation plans for all schools to support safe and healthy transportation options for students.*”

The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.

The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The Board Chair called the question on the Recommendation as Amended.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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6. Motion re Plan for District Space Post Moratorium Committee

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

“That the report be deferred to the next board meeting.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. High School Modified Calendar Analysis (Response to Trustee Request #150)
9. Map of Schools That Have Reached or Surpassed Their Capacity (Response to Trustee Request #155)
10. JUA Report (Response to Trustee Request #161)
11. Financial Literacy Education – Feasibility Report (Response to Trustee Request #163)
12. Federal and Provincial Funding for ELL (Response to Trustee Request #164)
13. 2012 New School Openings (Response to Trustee Request #171)

MOVED BY Trustee Johner:

“That information reports #8 through #13 be deferred to the next board meeting.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The Board Chair called the question on the Deferral Motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Johner, Ripley, Shipka and Spencer

OPPOSED: Trustee Janz

The Deferral Motion was CARRIED.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Colburn, the Board’s representative on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board of Directors, reported that he had attended the ASBA Board of Directors meeting held on March 8 and 9, 2012. At that meeting the Board of Directors approved the draft 2012-2013 budget for presentation to member boards at the Spring General Meeting. The Board also adopted the 2012-2013 Strategic Plan.

Trustee Johner, the Board’s representative on ASBA Zone 23, advised that the next ASBA Zone 23 meeting will take place on April 27, 2012. There is no meeting scheduled for March.

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Trustee Johner, further to the Board Chair's comments regarding the Community Relations Committee school tours, encouraged Trustees to attend a school tour if their schedule permits.

Trustee Spencer, the Board's representative on the Capital Region Services to Children Linkages Committee, reported that the next Linkages Committee meeting will take place on March 15, 2012.

Trustee Ripley, reporting on behalf of Trustee Cleary, advised that Trustee Cleary attended the Ellerslie School Family Literacy Night on February 28, 2012. There were more than 700 people in attendance and thanks go the Ellerslie School Council, Principal Henry Madsen and staff who were the main organizers behind this very successful event. Trustee Cleary also attended an information/settlement orientation session for newcomers at the Welcome Centre for Immigrants in Mill Woods. She offered her appreciation to our partners in education who provide support and services to these families.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Ripley, on Trustee Cleary's behalf, requested a brief report indicating the feasibility of offering a Mandarin Bilingual Program at Lillian Osborne High School, including details of what enrolment would be required, process and possible timeline for implementation as an alternative program, should the criteria be met.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That the Board advocate to the Minister of Education that financial literacy be integrated into the Alberta curriculum from K to 12 as soon as possible and that funding be provided to school boards to support professional development for teachers and other educators involved in financial literacy instruction.

L. Next Board Meeting Date – Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

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M. **Adjournment 7:05 p.m.**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary