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- **Board Meeting #9** -

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 8, 2011 at 6:00 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
David Fraser

Mark Liguori
Ron MacNeil
Jamie Pallett

Tanni Parker
Brian Smith

Board Chair: David Colburn

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Staff Group Representatives

CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grebenstein, President
CUPE Local 474 – Doug Luellman, President
CUPE Local 784 – Bruce Cutting, President

A. **O Canada** 

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 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 today is the 100th 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.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that there were a number of second-year principals in attendance. He noted this is their confirmation year.

The Superintendent advised that, yesterday, he attended a luncheon for Edwin Parr teacher nominees – these are first year teachers experiencing great success in their first year teaching and who have been nominated by their principal. The Board will acknowledge the District's nominees at the March 22, 2011 board meeting when the District nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award is announced.

E. Minutes

1. Board Meeting #8 – February 22, 2011

Trustee MacKenzie referred to the outcome of vote on page 4 of the minutes and noted that it should be CARRIED rather than UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #8 held February 22, 2011 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Vincent Brulotte, a high school student, spoke in support of the motion regarding a policy for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual/Transgendered and Queer (LGBTQ) students and employees.

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G. Reports

2. Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 1, 2011)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “1. That Report #5 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held March 1, 2011 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Janz:

- “2. That Trustee Hoffman be approved as Board’s Representative on the Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)
3. Recommendation from the District Priorities Committee

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the Vision, Mission, and 2011-2014 District Priorities be approved.”

Trustee Shipka offered the following friendly amendment:

“That Priority #1 be amended to read: ... that *will* enable all students ...”

The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.

Trustee Shipka offered the following friendly amendment:

“That Priority #5 be amended to read: ... opportunities for *collaboration*, growth and professional development.”

The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.

Trustee Ripley offered the following friendly amendment:

“That the Mission statement be amended to read: ... to provide safe, *caring*, healthy, diverse ...”

The Amendment was accepted by General Consent.

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MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:

“That Priority #2 be amended to read: ... empathy as a key *global* citizenship traits.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Johner and MacKenzie

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

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the Vision statement be amended to read: ... contribute *positively* to their community.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn and Hoffman

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

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the Mission Statement be amended to add the word ‘inclusive’.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary, Colburn, Hoffman, Janz, Johner, and Spencer

OPPOSED: Trustees MacKenzie, Ripley and Shipka

The Amendment was CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Cleary:

“That Priority #2 be amended to read: ... empathy as *a global citizen*.”

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Trustee Colburn offered the following friendly amendment to the amendment:

“That the amendment be amended to read: ... empathy as key citizenship traits *in the creation of global citizenship.*”

Trustee Cleary accepted the amendment to her amendment as friendly.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Cleary and Colburn

OPPOSED: Trustees Hoffman, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie, Ripley, Shipka and Spencer

The Amendment was DEFEATED.

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

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Motion re Policy for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual/Transgendered and Queer (LGBTQ) Students and Employees

The Board heard from the following registered speakers: Mr. Kevin Schultz, Ms Ruby Swanson, Ms Thais McKee and Ms Carol Allan.

MOVED BY Trustee Spencer:

“That the Policy Review Committee develop a policy that affirms the District’s commitment to providing a welcoming environment, free of discrimination and harassment, for all students and employees who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual/transgendered and queer (LGBTQ). The Committee shall look at LGBTQ policies of the Greater Victoria School District and Vancouver School Board as examples, and seek input from students, staff and members of the public.”

The Board Chair called the question.

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

OPPOSED: Trustee Ripley

The Motion was CARRIED.

The board took a short break at this point.

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5. Staff Group Presentations re 2011-2012 Budget:
- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)
 - CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)
 - CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff)

Mr. Bruce Cutting, President CUPE Local 784, verbally presented the Local's brief.

Ms Trudy Grebenstein, President CUPE Local 3550, verbally presented the Local's brief.

Mr. Sonny Kalynchuk, Vice-President CUPE Local 474, verbally presented the Local's brief.

The Board Chair advised that a representative from the exempt staff will make a presentation at the March 22, 2011 board meeting. A report in response to the employee group presentations will be prepared. A copy of the presentations as well as the report in response to the presentations will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2011-2012 school year.

MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:

“That the verbal presentations by CUPE Locals 784, 3550 and 474 be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

Copies of the Locals' briefs were distributed to Trustees.

6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Cleary:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.

MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:

“That the meeting be extended beyond 9:00 p.m.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The Board Chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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7. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Janz left at this point in the meeting.

Trustee Ripley, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, advised that there will be four more free lunch information sessions in the next two months. She urged Trustees to encourage people they know who haven't been in a school for a long time to attend one of the information sessions.

Trustee Ripley asked Trustees to save the evening of Wednesday, April 27, 2011 for a Foundation event – the *Ready to Shine?* student fashion show at Kingsway Garden Mall. The fashion show will highlight the work of fashion teams from district high schools. She also encouraged Trustees to attend the *Ready for Life* breakfast Foundation fundraiser at 7:30 a.m. on May 12, 2011.

Trustee Hoffman reported that, last week, she attended the United Way Recognition Banquet with a number of members of the Administration and staff locals. She noted that the CUPE Locals 3550 and 474 both received a special award for the contributions their members have made to the United Way. Edmonton Public Teachers was also acknowledged at the event. She thanked the staff groups for their support.

Trustee Colburn reported that he attended the Camp fYrefly fundraiser the evening of March 5, 2011. Camp fYrefly is a camp for LGBTQ youth. He was pleased to see many members of Edmonton Public Schools at the event supporting this cause.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Shipka requested that information be provided on the benefits and drawbacks of a revised 2012-2013 school year calendar that would commence several days earlier and would have a fall break following Remembrance Day.

Trustee Janz returned at this point in the meeting.

I. Notices of Motion

Trustee Johner served notice of the following motion:

That Trustees receive per diems when serving on Board committees or task forces when meetings exceed six, retroactive to the inauguration of the new Board.

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Trustee MacKenzie requested that information in the Trustees' Manual regarding Board committees and Trustee remuneration be provided as information with the motion.

Trustee MacKenzie served notice of the following motion:

That the Policy Review Committee examine our policy regarding lunch fees for the purpose of ensuring fairness and equity and clarifying expectations within the district. This review would include reviewing the lunch fee policies of other metro boards.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

K. Adjournment: 9:20 p.m.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary