




# AGENDA

Edmonton School District No. 7  
One Kingsway  
Edmonton, Alberta

McCauley Chambers  
Tuesday, November 6, 2012  
2:00 p.m.

Board Meeting #5

- A. Roll Call
- B. O Canada  - Vimy Ridge Academy
- C. Remembrance Ceremony
  - 1. Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony  
(Presentation – Approximately 20 minutes)
- D. Communications from the Board Chair
- E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools
- F. Minutes
  - 2. DRAFT – Board Meeting #4 – October 23, 2012
- G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives
- H. Reports
  - 3. Edmonton Public Schools' Combined Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report  
(Feedback)
  - 4. Advocate to Eliminate Pesticide Application  
(Information - Response to Request for Information #223)
- I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports
- J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives  
– 5:00 p.m. (*NOTE: Pre-registration is required for this item.*)
- K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information
- L. Notices of Motion
- M. Meeting Dates
- N. Adjournment

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Sarah Hoffman  
Board Chair

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**DATE:** November 6, 2012  
**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools  
**SUBJECT:** Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony  
**ORIGINATOR:** D. Sutherland, Principal, Vimy Ridge Academy  
**RESOURCE  
STAFF:** Georg Arndt

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### **BACKGROUND**

Remembrance Day is set aside to remember all those who gave their lives for the freedoms and privileges we have in this country. Many Canadians have proudly served over the years to preserve peace and freedom. During the last century, Canadian soldiers have served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Gulf War, and now the war in Afghanistan as well as in many peacekeeping operations around the world. More than 118,000 soldiers have paid the ultimate sacrifice for Canada in the name of peace and freedom.

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

This afternoon, the students from Vimy Ridge Academy would like to remember and pay tribute to all those who sacrificed their lives so that we could live in peace. We at Vimy Ridge Academy are continually reminded that the cost of freedom has been great. These students recognize and accept that they are the next generation of Canadians and that they must attend to their responsibilities and be committed to the betterment of society through the daily practice of goodwill.

The following words were taken from a speech that was found in John F. Kennedy's pocket on the day of his assassination---a speech that he never gave. He wrote:

*We...in this generation, are by destiny rather than by choice, the watchmen on the walls of world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we be worthy of our power and responsibility. That we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint. And, that we may achieve, in our time and for all time, the ancient vision of: Peace on Earth and goodwill toward all man.*

Our young people have been handed a legacy. They do remember. They will not forget.

**KEY POINTS**

The following is the sequence of events that will be followed for this afternoon's Remembrance Service (approximate time of service—20 minutes):

***Remembrance Service  
November 6, 2012***

- *Singing of O Canada (Teacher)*
- *Chairman calls meeting to order, conducts business and introduces Vimy Ridge Academy*
- *Importance of Remembrance (Student)*
- *In Flanders Field (Video)*
- *Reply to Flanders Field (student)*
- *Dance students perform*
- *Pittance of Time - video*
- *Playing of Last Post (Bugler – Royal Canadian Artillery Band)*
- *Lament (Student)*
- *Two Minutes of Silence*
- *Playing of Reveille (Bugler – Royal Canadian Artillery Band)*
- *Singing of “God Save the Queen”(Teacher)*

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**- Board Meeting #4 -**

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, October 23, 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

Cheryl Hagen  
Ron MacNeil  
Jamie Pallett

Tanni Parker  
Tash Taylor

**Board Chair:** Sarah Hoffman

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

**A. O Canada **

Trustee Cleary led in the singing of O Canada.

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

The Superintendent advised that all Trustees were present.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair noted a number of Trustees attended the opening of Bessie Nichols School on October 16, 2012 and Michael Strembitsky Schools October 18, 2012. She commended the organizers of the events.

**D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent advised that seven teachers with Edmonton Public Schools have been recognized for their outstanding work with students by receiving the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence, Certificates of Achievement. The awards are to honour

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their outstanding and innovative work through the use of information and communication technologies to better equip their students with the skills they need to meet the challenges of a 21st-century.

The teachers being honoured with Certificates of Achievements are:

- Sherryl Clelland, Victoria School of the Arts
- Scott Couprie, McNally School
- Cheryl Devin, S. Bruce Smith School
- Jeff Goldie, Strathcona School
- Yanick Jean-Proulx, Harry Ainlay School
- Joyce Sneddon, Dovercourt School
- Elissa Woolnough, Windsor Park School

Each recipient receives a certificate, pin, letter from the Prime Minister and \$1,000 for professional development, equipment, resource materials, website development, teaching aids or other tools to improve teaching and student learning. The recipient's school also receives a certificate recognizing its support of, and contribution to, the teacher's achievement.

### **E. Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #3 – October 9, 2012

#### **MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #3 held October 9, 2012 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

### **G. Reports**

2. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held October 9, 2012)

#### **MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:**

**“1. That Report #1 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held October 9, 2012 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:**

- “2. That, effective immediately, the addition of Kent Pharis as a member of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and reinstatement hearings on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, be confirmed.**
  
- 3. That, effective immediately, the deletion of Bruce Cline as a member of the roster of persons available to preside at student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, be confirmed.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:**

- “4. That the Board adopt the updates to the Board’s In-Camera Conference Committee protocols.**
  
- 5. That the Conference Committee be renamed *Caucus Committee*.”**

**The Board Chair called the question on Recommendation #4.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**The Board Chair called the question on Recommendation #5.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

**OPPOSED: Trustee MacKenzie**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

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### 3. Motion re Student Field Trips

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

“That the Administration design a program that offers students the opportunity to participate in a tour of the Centre for Education, watch part of a school board meeting, meet school Trustees and the Superintendent, and possibly participate in other activities modelled after the School at the Legislature Program and City Hall School.”

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

“That the motion be amended to read: *That the Administration design a program that offers students the opportunity to participate in a tour of the Centre for Education, watch part of a school board meeting, meet school Trustees and the Superintendent, and possibly participate in other activities modelled after **or in conjunction with** the School at the Legislature Program and City Hall School.*”

**The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

“That the motion be amended to read: *That the Administration design a program that offers students the opportunity to participate in a tour of the Centre for Education, watch part of a school board meeting, meet school Trustees and the Superintendent, and possibly participate in other activities modelled after or in conjunction with the School at the Legislature Program and City Hall School. **If this recommendation is supported, the Administration will bring forward a report detailing costs and a range of options on how to best implement this recommendation.***”

**The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn**

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

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

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**The Board Chair** called the question on the Motion as Amended:

*That the Administration design a program that offers students the opportunity to participate in a tour of the Centre for Education, watch part of a school board meeting, meet school Trustees and the Superintendent, and possibly participate in other activities modelled after, or in conjunction with, the School at the Legislature Program and City Hall School.*

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Johner, MacKenzie and Shipka

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

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

There was a short break at this point.

4. Action Post-Moratorium: Strategic Direction Following the Expiry of the Two Year Moratorium on School Closures

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That, after the Board articulates a set of principles to guide capital and accommodation planning, the Administration develop and implement a District infrastructure strategy that identifies timelines and goals to provide high quality learning opportunities, respond to community needs, address the deferred maintenance deficit, and right size district space to efficiently meet short-term and long-term needs.”**



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**MOVED BY Trustee MacKenzie:**

*“That the motion be amended to read: That, after the Board articulates a set of principles to guide capital and accommodation planning, the Administration develop and implement a District infrastructure strategy that identifies timelines and goals to provide high quality learning opportunities, respond to community needs, address the deferred maintenance deficit, and right size ~~district space~~ **school spaces** to efficiently meet short-term and long-term needs.”*

**The Board Chair** called the question on the Amendment.

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Johner and MacKenzie

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

The Amendment was **DEFEATED**.

**MOVED BY Trustee Ripley:**

*“That the motion be amended to read: That, after the Board articulates a set of principles to guide capital and accommodation planning, the Administration develop and implement a District infrastructure strategy that identifies timelines and goals to provide high quality learning opportunities, respond to community needs, address the deferred maintenance deficit, and right size district space to efficiently meet short-term and long-term needs. **That this recommendation replace the motions approved on March 13, 2012, April 10, 2012 and September 11, 2012.**”*

**The Board Chair** called the question on the Amendment.

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Cleary, Hoffman, Janz, Ripley, Shipka and Spencer

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Colburn, Johner and MacKenzie

The Amendment was **CARRIED**.

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**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

*“That the motion be amended to read: That, after the Board articulates a set of principles to guide capital and accommodation planning, the Administration develop and implement a District infrastructure strategy that identifies timelines and goals to provide high quality learning opportunities, respond to community needs, address the deferred maintenance deficit, and right size district space to efficiently meet short-term and long-term needs. That this recommendation replace the motions approved on March 13, 2012, April 10, 2012 and September 11, 2012. **No school closure recommendations will be brought forward while this work is being done.**”*

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

*“That the amendment be amended to read: That, after the Board articulates a set of principles to guide capital and accommodation planning, the Administration develop and implement a District infrastructure strategy that identifies timelines and goals to provide high quality learning opportunities, respond to community needs, address the deferred maintenance deficit, and right size district space to efficiently meet short-term and long-term needs. That this recommendation replace the motions approved on March 13, 2012, April 10, 2012 and September 11, 2012. **No school closure recommendations will be brought forward during the 2012-2013 school year while this work is being done.**”*

**The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment to the Amendment.**

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Shipka and Spencer

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Cleary, Janz, Johner, MacKenzie and Ripley

**The Amendment to the Amendment was DEFEATED.**

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**The Board Chair** called the question on the Amendment.

*That, after the Board articulates a set of principles to guide capital and accommodation planning, the Administration develop and implement a District infrastructure strategy that identifies timelines and goals to provide high quality learning opportunities, respond to community needs, address the deferred maintenance deficit, and right size district space to efficiently meet short-term and long-term needs. That this recommendation replace the motions approved on March 13, 2012, April 10, 2012 and September 11, 2012. **No school closure recommendations will be brought forward while this work is being done.***

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Colburn, Hoffman, Janz and Shipka

**OPPOSED:** Trustees Cleary, Johner, MacKenzie, Ripley and Spencer

**The Amendment was DEFEATED.**

**The Board Chair** called the question on the Motion as Amended:

*That, after the Board articulates a set of principles to guide capital and accommodation planning, the Administration develop and implement a District infrastructure strategy that identifies timelines and goals to provide high quality learning opportunities, respond to community needs, address the deferred maintenance deficit, and right size district space to efficiently meet short-term and long-term needs. That this recommendation replace the motions approved on March 13, 2012, April 10, 2012 and September 11, 2012.*

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

There was a break at this point.

Trustee Colburn left at this point for the duration of the meeting.

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5. Board Meeting Scheduling and Timing

**MOVED BY Trustee Spencer:**

- “1. That, when possible, the Board holds its regularly scheduled public meetings the first three Tuesdays of each month.**
  
- 2. That the Board maintains the public meeting start time at 2:00 p.m.”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6. Community Relations Committee – Update to Terms of Reference

**MOVED BY Trustee Johner:**

**“That the proposed Community Relations Terms of Reference be revised and approved.”**

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the proposed addition under the Mandate of the Community Relations Terms of Reference be amended to read: *Explore different and more effective methods to engage Community and Stakeholders in discussion on current issues affecting the District.***

**The Board Chair called the question on the Amendment.**

**The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**The Board Chair called the question on the Motion as Amended.**

**The Amendment was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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7. Accountability Pillar and Student Achievement Results
8. Implications of Extension of Second Language Requirement (Response to Trustee Request #219)

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the following reports be received for information:**

- **Accountability Pillar and Student Achievement Results**
- **Implications of Extension of Second Language Requirement (Response to Request for Information #219)”**

**The Board Chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9. Bereavement

Vice-Chair Janz reported on the passing of Mr. Edward Wise.

**MOVED BY Trustee Janz:**

**“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the Administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

### **H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Cleary, the Board’s representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, reminded Trustees about the *Ready to Dine* fundraiser taking place on October 30, 2012 at Murietta’s Bar & Grill restaurant. She also noted the following information sessions and lunches will be taking place at Youngstown School:

- November 9, 2012
- November 23, 2012
- December 4, 2012

She noted the Foundation will be located at Lauderdale School as of November 1, 2012.

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Trustee Johner, the Board's representative on ASBA Zone 23, reported that the ASBA Zone 23 Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, October 26, 2012 at the St. Anthony's Centre. Elections for the following positions will be held at that time:

- Zone President
- Zone Vice-President
- Secretary- Treasurer
- Edwin Parr Selection Committee (3 trustees)
- Zone Advocacy Committee (3 trustees)
- Labour Relations Representative and Labour Relations Alternate

Trustee Janz, the Board's representative on the Public School Boards Council (PSBC), reported on the PSBAA Annual General Meeting he attended October 18 to 20, 2012. He expressed appreciation to the Northern Lights School Division and St. Albert Public Schools that moved motions with respect to a consideration on weighted voting and a directorship for any board that has over fifty thousand students. He advised that he would provide information from the PSBAA University.

Trustee Cleary, the Board's representative on the Capital Region Services to Children Linkages Committee, reported that the next meeting will be held November 8, 2012 at the Centre for Education.

Trustee Johner advised she also attended the PSBAA Annual General Meeting. She noted there was an MLA reception on October 17, 2012 that was extremely well attended. She enjoyed PSBAA University and found it very informative. She noted that the Premier was the keynote speaker for the Friday evening Lt. Governor Lois E. Hole Lecture and Dinner held at the Enjoy Centre in St. Albert. Two other government ministers were also in attendance.

Trustee Johner noted she attended a meeting along with the Board Chair and Trustee MacKenzie as well as four trustees from Edmonton Catholic Schools and representatives from the other organizations involved with the Strategic Alliance for the Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth (SAAIRCY). The meeting focused on how the various organizations involved can positively impact children, youth and families in our schools and city with both the public and separate school boards.

Trustee Johner also advised that, since the last board meeting, she had attended two school council meetings, the Dreamcatcher Annual General Meeting, the Wicahitown Circle Meeting, the Michael Strembitsky School opening, the Queen Elizabeth School awards

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night and the collective agreement signing ceremony for the CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance staff).

Trustee Cleary advised that she attended Read-In Week activities this past month reading to students at the following schools: Lee Ridge, Satoo, Ellerslie, Michael Strembitsky, Ekota, Kameyosek, Grace Martin and Bisset.

Trustee Cleary advised she also attended the Ellerslie Campus Student Assembly held on October 12, 2012 to wrap-up the two-week school wide bullying workshop where students learned the tools they need to stop bullying in its tracks. She congratulated Principal Madsen for his leadership and vision to take collective action with the school's students and staff.

Trustee Cleary commended the Telus World of Science for its upcoming Star Wars Identities exhibit opening October 27, 2012 and presented Trustees with a gift advertising the exhibit.

Trustee Hoffman advised that the Board has undertaken a series of meetings with all the parties represented in the Legislature with respect to areas the Board wishes to focus its efforts on over the coming year. The Board has met with the NDP Caucus and the Liberal Education critic so far.

Trustee Hoffman noted that Education Minister Johnson was at Braemar School last week to announce a new Learner's Bursary. Minister Dave Hancock was also present.

Trustee Hoffman noted that, last week, Minister Johnson toured Crawford Plains and Prince Charles schools.

### **I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – 5:00 p.m.**

There were no registered speakers.

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### **J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Cleary made the following requests:

1. Following up from the recent ASBA *Time for Student Health Revolution* conference and using the [Framework for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Wellness Education](#) resource as a guide, provide information as to how current Board policy can be updated to incorporate a focus on the four key areas of wellness defined as:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Positive Social Environment in schools
- Mental Health Promotion

Include an update on the ongoing work of the District's Comprehensive School Health team and an overview of the existing District nutritional policies and healthy eating in schools as well as health and wellness resources including Alberta Health Services healthy eating rubric, Ever-Active Schools Assessment tool, Alberta Coalition for Healthy School Communities, Alberta Milk, Active Healthy Kids Canada, etc.

2. Provide information on ways the District could invest in positive mental health professional development for district staff over a three-year period, so that students can benefit from positive mental health promotion and practices in all schools with the goal of increased student gains thus reducing the risk of failure. Provide a list of possible resources that could assist such as the Pan Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health, Coalition for Children & Youth Mental Health and any tools that would support such professional development for district staff.

Trustee Johner requested that an update be provided regarding the recommendations from the Special Needs Task Force approved June 2011.

**K. Notices of Motion – None.**

**L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**



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**M. Adjournment (6:00 p.m.)**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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Cheryl Hagen, Acting Secretary-Treasurer

**DATE:** November 6, 2012

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** Edmonton Public Schools' Combined Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report

**ORIGINATOR:** Tanni Parker, Assistant Superintendent Student Learning Services

**RESOURCE STAFF:** Cheryl Hagen, Lorne Parker

**REFERENCE:** N/A

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**ISSUE**

On a yearly basis, Alberta Education requires school jurisdictions to submit a Three-Year Education Plan (3YEP) and an Annual Education Results Report (AERR) to Alberta Education by November 30, 2012.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

**This report is brought to public board for the purpose of receiving input and direction from the Board prior to presenting a recommendation report at public board on November 27, 2012 for final approval.**

**BACKGROUND**

Alberta Education's *Policy and Requirements for School Board Planning and Results Reporting* states:

- "Jurisdiction Three-Year Education Plans for 2012/2013 – 2014/2015. Jurisdiction plans must be approved by the board and posted on the jurisdiction website by November 30, 2012."
- "Jurisdiction Annual Education Results Reports on the 2011/2012 school year based on the Three-Year Education Plans for 2011/2012 – 2013/2014. Jurisdiction reports are due on November 30, 2012."

**RELATED FACTS**

N/A

**OPTIONS**

N/A

**CONSIDERATIONS & ANALYSIS**

N/A

**NEXT STEPS**

Report will be brought to public board on November 27, 2012 for approval prior to submitting to Alberta Education.

**ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES**

ATTACHMENT I Draft Three-Year Education Plan (3YEP) and Annual Education Results Report (AERR) – **NO ENCLOSURE**

TP:ja

**DATE:** November 6, 2012  
**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools  
**SUBJECT:** Advocate to Eliminate Pesticide Application (Response to Request for Information #223)  
**ORIGINATOR:** David Fraser, Executive Director, Corporate Services  
**RESOURCE STAFF:** John Nicoll  
**REFERENCE:** September 25, 2012, Board Meeting (Trustee Colburn)

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**ISSUE**

The following information was requested: Provide a report on how the Board could advocate to the City for an elimination of pesticide application on playing fields.

**BACKGROUND**

On December 14, 2010, Trustee Request #044 provided information regarding the possibility and impact of the District going pesticide free for our green spaces. On July 5, 2012 the Superintendent communicated to the Board of Trustees that the District will not be applying herbicides to the school yards adjacent to school buildings this year, but will continue to apply fertilizer as in the past, and that the District would monitor the turf quality, weed growth and neighbourhood comments over the summer.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

For the Board to advocate the elimination of pesticide applications on school playing fields, the Board would need to pass a motion in support of the advocacy position. If the Board wishes to advocate its position with regard to Joint Use Agreement playing fields, it would be necessary for the Board to convey its wishes to the City of Edmonton, the Edmonton Catholic Schools and the Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord as playfields fall under the auspices of the Joint Use Agreement – Facilities 2007.

A board motion directing the Board Chair to write a letter outlining the advocate position would be required.

**KEY POINTS**

- Playing fields operation and maintenance are the purview of the Joint Use Agreement – Facilities 2007.
- Change in practice affecting the Joint Use partners would need to be addressed to all parties.
- Board motions supporting advocacy and providing instruction on the Board Chair's communication would be required.

JFN:kk



**Summary of Board Meeting #5  
Held Tuesday, November 6, 2012**

**A. Roll Call (2:00 p.m.):** All Trustees were present.

**B. O Canada:**  - *Vimy Ridge Academy*

**C. Remembrance Ceremony**

1. Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

Received for information.

**D. Communications from the Board Chair**

*This information will be included in the minutes of the November 6, 2012 board meeting.*

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

*This information will be included in the minutes of the November 6, 2012 board meeting.*

**F. Minutes:**

2. Board Meeting #4 – October 23, 2012

Approved as amended (page 3 – Recommendation #5 – delete - The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED).

**G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

**H. Reports**

3. Edmonton Public Schools' Combined Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report

The Trustees' feedback was received and will be considered in the development of the recommendation report that will be brought to public board on November 27, 2012.

4. Advocate to Eliminate Pesticide Application  
(Response to Request for Information #223)

Received for information.

**I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

*This information will be included in the minutes of the November 6, 2012 board meeting.*

**J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – 5:00 p.m.**

The Board heard from Mr. Michael Tachynski.

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Cleary requested the following:

Provide a report compiling a list of the Edmonton Public School Board “Inquiring Minds” site schools indicating the seconded teachers with a summary providing the scope and purpose of these sites.

**L. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

*That the Administration create a Council of School Councils that will meet with the Board twice a year and provide advice on education issues.*

**M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

**N. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.**  
**5:00 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.**

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**- Board Meeting #5 -**

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, November 6, 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

Cheryl Hagen  
Mark Liguori  
Ron MacNeil

Jamie Pallett  
Tanni Parker  
Tash Taylor

**Board Chair:** Sarah Hoffman

**Recording Secretary:** Heather Lightfoot

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

The Recording Secretary advised that all Trustees were present.

**Staff Group Representatives**

Edmonton Public Teachers – Ed Butler, President

CUPE Local 3550 - Carol Chapman, President

B. **O Canada**  - Vimy Ridge Academy

C. **Remembrance Ceremony**

1. Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

**MOVED BY Trustee Hoffman:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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

The Board Chair acknowledged and welcomed Dr. Maureen Stratton, Ms Constance Murphy and Mr. Paul Gagne who were joining the meeting, along with 60 Bachelor of Education (After Degree) students from the Education 551 (Educational Administration) course at Concordia University College of Alberta.

The Education 551 course examines the complex systems within public education – the organizational, legal, and social structures that are evident in contemporary schools. The Education 551 students observe a public school board meeting to assist them in understanding the governance structures in public education in Alberta.

The Board Chair also welcomed Mr. Matthew Hills, Vice-Chair of the School Committee (which is what they call their school board) in Newton, Massachusetts.

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

The Superintendent advised that he was able to attend the historic signing of a memorandum of cooperation between the Province of Alberta and the Aga Kahn Development Network. The agreement was signed by Premier Alison Redford and His Highness the Aga Kahn.

The Superintendent congratulated the principal and staff of Victoria School of the Arts for hosting, in partnership with the ATA Fine Arts Council and the Canadian Society for Education through the Arts, an international conference entitled "Fear No Art". Multiple sessions were presented to support the teaching of art, drama, dance and music for about 400 delegates and participants. Principal Tami Dowler-Coltman and the staff of Victoria School have represented Edmonton Public Schools very well.

### **F. Minutes**

#### 2. Board Meeting #4 – October 23, 2012

Trustee Mackenzie noted a correction to the vote on page 6 – the vote was not carried UNANIMOUSLY.

**MOVED BY Trustee Spencer:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #4 held October 23, 2012 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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**G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives - None**

**H. Reports**

3. Edmonton Public Schools' Combined Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report

**MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:**

**“That the Trustees’ feedback be considered in the development of the recommendation report that will be brought to public board on November 27, 2012.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

4. Advocate to Eliminate Pesticide Application (Response to Trustee Request #223)

**MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:**

**“That the report titled ‘Advocate to Eliminate Pesticide Application (Response to Request #223)’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

Trustee Cleary, the Board’s representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors, reported that the next meeting will be held on November 21, 2012 at Lauderdale School.

Trustee Colburn, the Board’s representative on the ASBA Board of Directors, provided an update from the October ASBA meeting. The ASBA Board of Directors plans to survey other boards to determine their position on “no zeros.” He advised that a discussion on student assessment will be on the agenda of the upcoming ASBA Fall Annual General Meeting. The Board of Directors also approved a policy proposal that will be considered at the Annual General Meeting defining “optimal learning environments” to be considered on student wellness.

Trustee Johner, the Board’s representative on ASBA Zone 23, reported on the following results from the ASBA Zone 23 elections held at the Annual General Meeting on October 26, 2012.

- Zone Chair – Trustee Turnbull
- Vice - Chair – Trustee Hrynyk



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- Labour Relations Representative – Trustee Kowalchuk
- Labour Relations Representative Alternate – Trustee Schaffrick
- Zone Advocacy Committee – Trustee Kilduff, Trustee Radford, Trustee Johner
- Edwin Parr Selection Committee – Trustee Eilander, Trustee Caputo and Trustee Lopushinsky
- Alberta Coalition for Healthy School Communities – Trustee Rosadiuk
- Alternate – Trustee DeClerq

The next ASBA Zone 23 general meeting will be held on Friday, November 23, 2012 at the Executive Royal Inn West.

Trustee Janz, the Board's representative on the Public School Boards Council (PSBC), had no report at this time.

Trustee Cleary, the Board's representative on the Capital Region Services to Children Linkages Committee, reported that the next meeting will be held November 8, 2012 at the Centre for Education.

Trustee Ripley, Chair Policy Review Committee, provided an update on behalf of the Committee. This is the first year of a major policy review. The Committee is planning to bring forward a recommendation to Board in December with respect to a plan of specific policies for the Board to review this year, with tentative timelines, etc. Included as priorities in the plan, as per approved Board motions, will be a review of the policy regarding student growth and achievement and a new policy with respect to planning principles for student accommodation and infrastructure.

Trustee Ripley, provided an update on the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) *New Horizons* lobbying campaign which began in the winter of 2011. An updated version of the *New Horizons* document will be shared with all MLAs and will touch on seven key issues: Natural Person Powers, Process to Establish and Disestablish separate school divisions, eligibility to be a public school trustee, sharing of school spaces between boards, ability for boards to appoint superintendents and Mirror Rights.

Trustee Cleary advised she attended *We Day Alberta*, at the Saddledome in Calgary. There were 18,000 students in attendance from across the province. Our District sent six hundred students from twenty-five schools - these students had to earn their way to be part of this event. This is the largest youth empowerment event of its kind, bringing together students, educators, local businesses, prominent leaders and motivational speakers to celebrate the power of young people to change the world. CTV will broadcast the *We Day Alberta* event on November 11, 2012. She thanked Central Services staff members for making this event possible; in particular, Debbie Jackson, Supervisor

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Comprehensive School Health, and Kim Hordal Hlewka, Consultant Comprehensive School Health. She noted she would like to hear from the schools that participated, particularly the five schools from Ward I, on their experience and inspiration in their school communities on how they are going to make a difference by taking action throughout the school year on one global and one local issue.

### **K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Cleary requested that the Administration provide a report compiling a list of the Edmonton Public School Board *Inquiring Minds* site schools indicating the seconded teachers with a summary providing the scope and purpose of these sites.

### **L. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

*That the Administration create a Council of School Councils that will meet with the Board twice a year and provide advice on education issues.*

### **M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting recessed at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

All Trustees were present.

### **J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – 5:00 p.m.**

The Board heard from Mr. Michael Tachynski who requested information regarding the Assessment Committee and Power School.

### **N. Adjournment (5:10 p.m.)**

**The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Sarah Hoffman, Board Chair

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Cheryl Hagen, Acting Secretary-Treasurer