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## Chair's Report

### Recent Events

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted recent events:

- On January 31, Chair Boymook, Trustee Skip Gordon and Superintendent Mark Liguori hosted Nate Glubish, the member of the legislative assembly of Alberta for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, on a tour of Ardrossan Elementary and Ardrossan Junior Senior High.
- On February 3, Chair Boymook attended a subscribers' meeting for the Alberta School Boards Insurance Exchange.
- On February 5, Chair Boymook and Trustee Harvey Stadnick attended the Fort Saskatchewan Mayor's State of the City Address.
- On February 5, Chair Boymook and Trustee Stadnick attended a roundtable discussion hosted by Finance Minister Travis Toews. Topics discussed: needed capital projects and community supports.
- On February 6, trustees toured Heritage Hills Elementary, the K-6 replacement school for Wye Elementary. In the spring, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will take possession of the building and the school will officially open in September 2020.
- On February 7, Chair Boymook attended a Partners in Education Luncheon, hosted by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA). She thanked Deneen Zielke, the President of the ATA Local No. 28, for the invitation.

## Superintendent's Report

### Recent Events

Superintendent Mark Liguori highlighted recent events:

- On January 31, Superintendent Liguori and Chair Boymook hosted a tour of Ardrossan Elementary and Ardrossan Junior Senior High for Nate Glubish. Later this month, another tour is planned with Jordan Walker, the member of the legislative assembly of Alberta for Sherwood Park, at Bev Facey Community High and Salisbury Composite High.
- On February 4, Superintendent Liguori attended a meeting with the Strathcona Christian Academy Society.
- On February 6, Superintendent Liguori toured Heritage Hills Elementary with trustees. He's happy to see the work progressing as planned and looks forward to taking possession later this spring.

- On February 13, Superintendent Liguori visited both Andrew School and Mundare School as part of his regular school visits.

## Public Comments

### Nutrition: Diana Shandro

The Board heard a presentation from Diana Shandro, a parent of students attending Fultonvale Elementary Junior High. She discussed EIPS' [Administrative Procedure 164: Nutrition](#) and her concerns about how food is sometimes distributed without parental consent. The Board thanked Shandro for taking the time to present her concerns.

## Association Reports

### ATA Local Report

The Board received for information the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Local No. 28 report from President Deneen Zielke:

- On February 7, the ATA hosted a Partners in Education Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Candy Palmater, a Canadian comedian and broadcaster. Zielke thanked Chair Boymook and trustees Don Irwin and Stadnick for attending. She also thanked executive members from EIPS' Committee of School Councils, Jacquie Surgenor and Lesley Bowman.
- The ATA obtained documents from a request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection and Privacy Act*. The documents show, despite government assurances of a funding freeze, school boards received \$136 million less in 2019-20 than in the 2018-19 school year. The Local is disheartened and hopes more public pressure will convince the government to fund education in the upcoming year adequately.

## Business Arising from Previous Meeting

### Student Transportation Fee Structure

The Board approved the 2020-21 Student Transportation Fee Structure, effective in the 2020-21 school year. The

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new fee structure reflects recent changes made to Alberta Education's School Transportation Regulation AR 96/2019, which is guided by the *Education Act*. EIPS families using student transportation services will see the following fee changes starting in the 2020-21 school year:

- The introduction of a two-tiered fee structure—both [eligible and ineligible](#) riders will pay a fee for busing services. For some, fees will increase, and for others, fees will decrease.
- The elimination of the Student Transportation family rate.
- The elimination of an exemption for ineligible riders who cross or walk along a road with speeds limits of 60 kilometres per hour, or higher, without a sidewalk or standard traffic light protection (see [Policy 17: Student Transportation Services](#), section 1.5).

## New Business

### Policy 17

The Board approved amendments to [Policy 17: Student Transportation Service](#). The revisions align with the new 2020-21 Student Transportation Fee Structure.

### Policy Committee

The Board approved amendments to [Policy 7: Board Operations](#). The revisions clarify how notification about special meetings is communicated.

### Borrowing Resolution 2019-20

The Board approved the Division's borrowing resolution to meet expenditures during the 2019-20 school year. Annually, the Division submits a borrowing resolution to the Bank of Montreal to support the credit-facility agreements in place.

### Canada Revenue Agency Corporate Information

The Board approved Candace Cole, the Secretary-Treasurer, and Carmine von Tettenborn, the Director of Financial Services, as the owners of the Division's online Canada Revenue Agency corporate business account. As owners, both individuals can access the account to review quarterly returns, file payroll-deduction remittances and receive correspondences with the Canada Revenue Agency.

## Committee Reports

### Advocacy Committee

The Board received for information the report from the Advocacy Committee meeting on January 23. The committee reviewed the strategic advocacy plan for education funding; approved the plan's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis; and discussed strategies to share and raise awareness about the stories taking place within EIPS.

### Policy Committee

The Board received for information the report from the Policy Committee meeting on February 11. Members reviewed policies 8, 17, 20 and 21 and discussed a new draft policy about petitions and public notices.

## Trustee Reports Roundtable

Trustees shared information and highlighted recent events:

- *Trustee Randy Footz* attended several events, including school council meetings at A.L. Horton Elementary and Vegreville Composite High; a basketball tournament at Vegreville Composite High; and a tour of Heritage Hills Elementary. He also attended Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting with Finance Minister Travis Toews and Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, the member of the legislative assembly of Alberta for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.
- *Trustee Annette Hubick* toured Heritage Hills Elementary and attended school council meetings at Mills Haven Elementary and Clover Bar Junior High. Clover Bar's school community is excited about the new Sport for Life program launching next year.
- *Trustee Jim Seutter* thanked Chair Boymook and Trustee Don Irwin for attending school council meetings on his behalf during his absence.
- *Trustee Harvey Stadnick* attended the Fort Saskatchewan Mayor's State of the City Address, the roundtable discussion with Finance Minister Travis Toews and the ATA's Partners in Education Luncheon. The highlight of the luncheon: keynote speaker, Candy Palmater, who spoke about the difference a teacher can make in a child's life. He also commented on the impressive artwork on display at the EIPS Central Services Office, created by students at Ardrossan Junior Senior High.