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Chair's Report

Recent Events

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted recent events:

- On February 21, Chair Boymook hosted Jordan Walker, the member of the legislative assembly of Alberta for Sherwood Park, on tours of Bev Facey Community High and Salisbury Composite High. Students and staff showcased various career and technology studies programs, including cosmetology, fabrication, mechanics, construction, horticulture and culinary arts.
- On March 9, Chair Boymook attended the 2020 High School Culinary Challenge awards dinner at the Edmonton Convention Centre. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) had two teams compete—from Lamont High and Salisbury Composite High. Hannah Goyer, a Grade 12 student at Salisbury, was one of four students who received a full three-year scholarship to the Culinary Arts Apprenticeship program at NAIT. Chair Boymook extended congratulations to Goyer and all participating EIPS students.
- On March 20, Chair Boymook took part in a webinar on governance during a pandemic, which detailed the role of the Board and senior administration.
- On March 20, Chair Boymook met, by phone, with Nate Glubish and Jordan Walker, both local members of the legislative assembly of Alberta, to discuss how the Division is managing the COVID-19 pandemic and in-school class cancellations.

Superintendent's Report

Recent Events

Superintendent Mark Liguori highlighted recent events:

- On February 24, Superintendent Liguori took part in a defensive-driving training session through the department of Student Transportation.
- On February 26, Superintendent Liguori met with the Strathcona Christian Academy Society.
- On March 12, Superintendent Liguori took part in the 2019-20 Trustees School Tours—which included visits to Clover Bar Junior High, Mills Haven Elementary, Next Step Sherwood Park, Westboro Elementary and Woodbridge Farms Elementary. He thanked staff and students at each school for hosting trustees and sharing information about the school and programs offered there.

Association Reports

ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting

Trustee Annette Hubick presented highlights from the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 meeting held on February 28. The highlight: a professional learning session focused on governance. Using the analogy of a team competing in the Tour de France, the session focused on what makes a successful team; the different roles superintendents and trustees play, including within the Board; and knowing when to lead, partner, support, watch and get out of the way. Overall, it was an excellent professional learning session and generated lots of discussions.

ATA Local Report

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

- On February 27, Zielke and several EIPS teachers attended the March for What Matters at the Alberta Legislature. Approximately 14,000 people took part in the rally, who were all there to advocate for better funding for the public service.
- On March 6-7, Local executives attended the ATA's Political Engagement Seminar, which focused on ways to lobby local members of the legislative assembly of Alberta, how to engage effectively through social media and practical tips on networking with other interest groups. The Local also invited Aaron Box, the school council chair at Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary, to attend and learn from the seminar.
- On March 13, the Local hosted a Beers and Budget event for teachers to learn about the recent provincial budget and funding for education. Sarah Hoffman, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and NDP Critic for Education, attended the event. The three regional members of the legislative assembly of Alberta were also invited but not able to attend.
- Zielke commended and thanked everyone working within EIPS, who are feeling both stressed and anxious, given the current COVID-19 pandemic. Despite fears, teachers and staff are rising to the challenge and preparing quality alternative instruction for students, starting April 6. She also thanked Superintendent Liguori for his timely communication, updating both staff and families.

New Business

Business Arising from In Camera

The Board passed the following motions:

- that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to [Policy 7: Board Operations](#); and
- that the Board of Trustees suspend the maximum number of meetings a trustee can attend using electronic means for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

2019-20 Board Meeting Schedule: Amendment

The Board approved the amended [Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule](#) for the 2019-20 school year. The May 20 meeting will now take place on May 25, and the May 25 meeting will now take place on May 28.

Three-Year Capital Plan

The Board approved EIPS' 2021-24 Three-Year Capital Plan. Annually, the Board reviews and updates the plan to prioritize its key capital projects. The top three capital priorities for the Division are:

Priority 1:

- A replacement school for Rudolph Hennig Junior High and Fort Saskatchewan High (grades 7-12); and
- A Sherwood Park placeholder—the project will focus on Sherwood Heights Junior High and be based on the result of the 2020 Sherwood Park Value Scoping Session.

Priority 2:

- A replacement school for James Mowat Elementary (grades K-6).

Priority 3:

- A modernization of Win Ferguson Elementary (grades K-6)

Now that the [2021-24 Three-Year Capital Plan](#) is approved, the Division will submit it to Alberta Education for funding consideration.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

The Board received for information the report from the Policy Committee meeting on March 10. Topics discussed: Board policies 5 and 8, and a new draft policy about petitions and public notices.

Reports for Information

Unaudited Financial Report: September 2019 to February 2020

The Board received for information the EIPS Unaudited Financial Report for the six-month period ending Feb. 29, 2020, prepared by Financial Services. Overall, expenses exceeded revenues resulting in an operating deficit of \$2.74 million, which is below the year-to-date

budgeted deficit of \$5.75 million. Revenues were \$757,000 lower than the year-to-date budget—primarily because of the timing of Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal projects. Similarly, expenses were \$3.76 million below the year-to-date budget because of costs associated with staffing, services, contracts and supplies being incurred later in the year as a result of the late release of the 2019-20 budget and uncertainty around the 2020-21 budget.

Trustee Reports Roundtable

Trustees shared information and highlighted recent events:

- *Vice-Chair Heather Wall* thanked all EIPS employees for the work taking place behind scenes and families who are supporting the Division as we collectively transition to a different way of learning.
- *Trustee Randy Footz* attended the Alberta Rural Education Symposium with Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk and Candace Cole, the Secretary-Treasurer of EIPS, which was excellent. He also took part in the 2019-20 Trustees School Tours.
- *Trustee Skip Gordon* thanked all EIPS employees for the hard work they are doing to deliver alternative instruction to students, technical staff who are making it possible for trustees to continue to do their work and his fellow trustees who are becoming experts in videoconferencing.
- *Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk* attended the Alberta Rural Education Symposium, which was excellent. On May 6, she attended the Bruderheim Mayor's Dinner that focused on community resilience. And, on May 9, she attended the 2020 High School Culinary Challenge awards dinner.
- *Trustee Annette Hubick* attended school council meetings at Brentwood Elementary, Clover Bar Junior High, Davidson Creek Elementary and Salisbury Composite High. Already, she misses having these meetings and connecting with school council groups. Until the meetings reconvene, members can contact her by email, phone or Facebook with questions or concerns. She also thanked everyone working within EIPS who are doing tremendous work preparing and planning for the delivery of alternative instruction, slated to start April 6.
- *Trustee Don Irwin* took part in Wes Hosford Elementary's Speech Competition, acting as a judge, and the 2019-20 Trustees School Tours. He also attended the 2020 High School Culinary Challenge awards dinner and congratulated Hannah Goyer for receiving a scholarship.
- *Trustee Jim Seutter* took part in the 2019-20 Trustees School Tours, which were excellent. He thanked staff and students at each school for hosting and sharing information about the school.
- *Trustee Harvey Stadnick* took part in the 2019-20 Trustees School Tours, which he enjoyed and found informative.