

AUG. 27, 2020

## Chair's Report

### RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted recent events:

- On July 17, Chair Boymook and Trustee Randy Footz attended the Student Transportation Task Force Delegation with Superintendent Mark Liguori; Dave Antymniuk, the Division Principal; and Lisa Weder, the Director of Student Transportation. The task force is reviewing the province's funding model for student transportation. The task force will present its recommendations to Alberta Education once the review is complete. At the July meeting, attendees shared best practices, challenges and suggestions for moving forward. The goal: A revised funding model that better reflects increasing costs and eligibility concerns.
- On July 30, Chair Boymook and Superintendent Liguori attended a virtual Superintendents and Board Chairs meeting with Education Minister Adriana LaGrange. The purpose: To discuss the school re-entry scenarios and ask questions.
- On August 14, Chair Boymook attended an Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board Chairs meeting, which focused on school re-entry plans, provincial advocacy and CASS's request for a professional designation. Minister LaGrange was present during the school re-entry discussion.

## Superintendent's Report

### STARTUP AND WELCOME

Superintendent Mark Liguori welcomed staff and students to another school year. While operations look a bit different from previous years, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is thrilled to have more than 17,400 students returning to learning, either at school, in classrooms, or at home, through the out-of-school learning option. He also thanked EIPS staff for all the work done over the summer, behind the scenes, preparing for the school re-entry—from planning to co-ordinating registrations to organizing the Little Elk Island Adventure. Overall, the re-entry plan ensures a smooth transition back to school, and operations take place in the safest way possible.

## New Business

### BOARD POLICIES

- The Board approved suspending section 4.4.3 of [Board Policy 7: Board Operations](#). The suspension relates to the number of virtual Board meetings trustees can attend during the 2020-21 school year. Until public-health restrictions lift, trustees can attend meetings in-person or virtually. In addition, there are occupancy limits in place for the number of people who can access the Division's boardroom at any one time. As such, Board meetings are closed to the public until further notice. EIPS will livestream all public Board meetings on the [EIPS YouTube channel](#).
- The Board also approved a new policy, [Board Policy 26: School Dispute Resolution](#). Policy 26 outlines procedures for resolving disputes or concerns between parents and school staff—focused on supporting co-operative and collaborative learning. As a result, an amendment was made to [Board Policy 13: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matter](#). [Administrative Procedure 152: Dispute Resolution](#) is now removed from the policy—referencing AP 152 is no longer needed as Policy 26 addresses dispute resolutions.

### TRUSTEE SCHOOL LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE LIST: 2020-21

The Board approved the Trustee School Liaison Representative List for the 2020-21 school year (see pg. 35, "[Trustee School Liaison Representative List 2020-21](#)").



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## Reports for Information

### **FACILITY SERVICES: 2019-20 SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Board received for information an update on Facility Services' summer projects in 2020. Throughout the summer months, Facility Services oversaw a total of 205 projects across the Division—72 per cent of those are now complete. The projects ranged in nature and included improvements to electrical systems, roofing, interiors, exteriors, mechanical equipment and flooring at various EIPS schools. Other projects included: project managing the Heritage Hills Elementary replacement school, the abatement and demolition of the former Wye Elementary building, the transfer of a modular classroom to SouthPointe School from Wye Elementary, and modular re-roofing at Ardrossan Elementary and SouthPointe School.

### **BENEFIT PREMIUM RATES**

The Board received for information the Division's Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan for the 2020-21 school year. As of September 1, staff benefit premium rates will increase by 4.7 per cent, which is less than initially anticipated.

## Trustee Reports Roundtable

Trustee Randy Footz attended the Student Transportation Task Force Delegation. He commended Lisa Weder, the Director of Student Transportation, who did an incredible job at the delegation. He's also looking forward to schools re-opening and getting back to as close to normal as possible.

## Board Organizational Meeting

### **NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The Board held an organizational meeting, which included nominations and elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. For the 2020-21 school year, Trustee Trina Boymook was acclaimed the Chair, and Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk was acclaimed the Vice-Chair. Both individuals will lead the Board of Trustees throughout the 2020-21 school year.

### **2020-21 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Board approved the regular Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for the 2020-21 school year (see pg. 12, "[2020-21 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule](#)").

### **2020-21 BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

The Board reviewed the 2020-21 Board Committees and Representative Appointments list. Individual trustees were asked to indicate to the Chair the committees they want to serve on. The Board will approve the finalized list during the Board meeting on Sept. 24, 2020.

## Board Members

Trina Boymook, *Chair* | Colleen Holowaychuk, *Vice-Chair* | Randy Footz | William (Skip) Gordon | Annette Hubick | Don Irwin | Jim Seutter | Harvey Stadnick | Heather Wall

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