

FEB. 18, 2021

## Chair's Report

### RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted recent events:

- On January 22, Chair Boymook met virtually with Jordan Walker, the member of the legislative assembly of Alberta for Sherwood Park. The two discussed the recent Sherwood Park Value Scoping Session, the recommendation to combine Sherwood Heights Junior High and École Campbelltown into a new kindergarten to Grade 9 school, and the Division's response to COVID-19.
- On February 4, Chair Boymook took part in a virtual Partners in Education session, hosted by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA). She thoroughly enjoyed keynote speaker Shelley Moore, a renowned expert on effective practices of inclusion, special education, curriculum and professional learning. Chair Boymook thanked Deneen Zielke, the President of the ATA Local No. 28, for the invitation.
- On February 8, Chair Boymook and Advocacy Committee trustees took part in the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Advocacy Leadership Academy. Topics discussed: how to enhance lobbying and advocacy efforts, ASBA's advocacy strategy and lobbying strategy, the municipal election, changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act*, and planning for a COVID-19 recovery stage.

## Association and Local Reports

### ASBA ZONE 2/3 REPORT

Vice-Chair Colleen Holowaychuck attended a virtual Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 meeting on Jan. 29, 2021. Highlights include:

- Two professional learning sessions: social media use and ASBA's co-ordinated approach to communication.
- A discussion about action items to enhance communication between ASBA zones and boards.
- ASBA added the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium to its committee representative list.
- The meeting included the first callout for ABAS's Fall General Meeting proposed position statements.
- The deadline for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award is March 19, 2021.

### ATA LOCAL REPORT

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

- On February 4-5, the ATA hosted its virtual North Central Teachers' Convention, which included a Partners in Education session with keynote speaker Shelley Moore. Zielke thanked the Board and the Committee of School Council Chair (COSC) for attending.
- On February 6, Zielke attended the ATA Local President's meeting. It's clear from survey data the pandemic has taken a toll on teachers—both mentally and physically. The stress will continue to worsen without a commitment from the province about vaccinating school staff.
- The ATA and teachers are concerned about the province's new curriculum, specifically the change in focus and credentials of those overseeing it. The extensive changes also have significant budget and time-commitment implications—already in short supply.
- Despite the challenges, educators continue to learn new strategies and technologies to ensure students are both safe and engaged.



## New Business

### LAMONT COUNTY ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES: JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH

The Board approved three motions about Lamont County's junior high and senior high attendance boundaries:

- "students residing west of Highway 855 and Township Road 164, including all those within the Village of Andrew limits, are designated to attend Lamont High;"
- "students residing east of Highway 855 and Township Road 164, excluding those within the Village of Andrew limits, are designated to attend Vegreville Composite High;" and
- "that the Board of Trustees grandfather those students and their siblings who reside within the amended area, who wish to continue at Lamont High."

### 2021 ASCA CONFERENCE AND AGM: REGISTRATION SPONSORSHIP

The Board approved sponsoring the registration fees for school council members to take part in the 2021 Albert School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference and Annual General Meeting on April 23-25. The Board will fund the cost of one registration fee per EIPS school—up to a maximum of 15 registrants.

### THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN: 2022-25

The Board approved EIPS' 2022-25 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 Sherwood Heights Junior High and École Campbelltown (grades K-9).

*Priority 2:* A replacement school for Rudolph Hennig Junior High and Fort Saskatchewan High (grades 7-12).

*Priority 3:* A replacement school for James Mowat Elementary (grades K-6).

Now approved, the Division will submit the Three-Year Capital Plan to the province for funding consideration.

### BORROWING RESOLUTION: 2020-21

The Board approved the Division's borrowing resolution to meet expenditures during the 2020-21 school year. Annually, the Division submits a borrowing resolution to the Bank of Montreal to support the credit-facility agreements in place.

## Committee Report

### STUDENT EXPULSION COMMITTEE

The Board received for information a report from the Student Expulsion Committee, which held two hearings on Jan. 27, 2021.

### POLICY COMMITTEE

The Board received for information a report about the Policy Committee meeting held on Feb. 9, 2021. The committee reviewed several Board policies. Three policies will come forward for review at the Caucus meeting in March.

### ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The Board received for information a report about the Advocacy Committee meeting held on Feb. 17, 2021. Topics discussed: work completed to date, the ASBA Advocacy Academy session, and the Academy strategies the committee wants to consider. The committee's also launching a new quarterly newsletter, featuring various articles about the Division, what's new, the work of the Board and the value of public education. The audience: locally elected officials, industry partners, community partners and the local chambers of commerce.

## Trustee Reports Roundtable

Trustees shared information and highlighted recent events:

- **Vice-Chair Colleen Holowaychuk** attended the February COSC meeting and virtual school council meetings. She also thanked Deneen Zielke, the President of the ATA Local No. 28, for the invitation to the Partners in Education session.
- **Trustee Randy Footz** attended the February COSC meeting and A.L. Horton’s virtual school council meeting—it was nice to have Superintendent Liguori attend. He also informed trustees Vegreville Composite High’s school council now has a full executive team.
- **Trustee Skip Gordon** attended the February COSC meeting and virtual school council meetings.
- **Trustee Annette Hubick** attended the ATA’s Partners in Education session, the February COSC meeting and three school council meetings—Mills Haven Elementary, Brentwood Elementary and Salisbury Composite High. The meetings all included discussions about school fees for the upcoming school year. She also attended three professional learning sessions on a range of topics—how the assurance framework impacts the school council and trustee relationship, advocacy and learning disabilities.
- **Trustee Don Irwin** attended the February COSC meeting and five virtual school council meetings. Other meetings and events include the ATA’s Partners in Education session, ASBA’s Professional Development Day, a board meeting for the Logos Christian program, and the Advocacy Committee meeting.
- **Trustee Jim Seutter** attended two virtual school council meetings at Lakeland Ridge and Heritage Hills Elementary.
- **Trustee Harvey Stadnick** attended the February COSC meeting and two virtual school council meetings at Rudolph Hennig Junior High and Fort Saskatchewan Christian.

## 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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