

OCT. 28, 2021

Chair's Report

RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted some recent events:

- On October 4-8, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) celebrated Read In Week, a divisionwide initiative that takes place annually to promote a lifelong love of reading in students. Chair Boymook took part by recording three book readings for both elementary and secondary students.
- On October 6, Chair Boymook and trustees attended the first Committee of School Councils' (COSC) meeting of the year. She thanked the Chair, Lesley Bowman, for her exceptional work leading the group and looks forward to another great year of discussions with COSC members.
- On October 12, Chair Boymook attended an Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board Chairs meeting. The focus: an engagement session on the new draft K-6 curriculum—the first of three. Chair Boymook shared feedback from EIPS staff, families and an area-expert consultant about what needs to change in the draft curriculum.

Superintendent's Report

RECENT EVENTS:

Superintendent Mark Liguori highlighted some recent events:

- On October 4-8, schools across the Division celebrated Read In Week 2021. The theme this year was "To Each Their Own Story." Throughout the week, students shared their favourite books, told stories and learned how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Superintendent Liguori also participated by recording two book readings. One for early learners and another for junior high students. Next year, he hopes the Division can return to in-person readings.
- On October 5, EIPS celebrated World Teachers' Day. He thanked all EIPS teachers for the outstanding work they continue to do day after day.
- On October 6, Superintendent Liguori attended the first COSC meeting of the year. He's looking forward to another great year working with Chair Bowman and all the school council chairs who make up COSC.

Association and Local Reports

ASBA ZONE 2/3 MEETING

Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk presented highlights from the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 meeting held on September 24. Members:

- reviewed the zone's 2021-22 draft budget—being approved in early November;
- reviewed the proposed bylaw changes—including changing the name bylaws to operating procedures; and
- heard reports from ASBA's directors, President, CEO and Advocacy Committee.

The next meeting takes place on November 5.

ATA LOCAL REPORT

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

- On behalf of the Local's executive team, Zielke congratulated trustees on their successful campaigns. She looks forward to meeting in person and working together over the coming years.
- The ATA and Alberta School Councils' Association have joined forces to launch a new Stand for Education campaign. Families and teachers across Alberta are working together and lobbying the province to put children first in the public education system—by making necessary changes to the draft K-6 curriculum and funding manual. To learn more visit standforeducation.ca.

New Business

MODULAR CLASSROOM REQUEST: 2022-23

The Board directed EIPS administration to request funding from Alberta Education to address needed changes to several modular classroom units in the 2022-23 school year. If approved, the Division will:

- relocate three modular classroom units to SouthPointe School from Fultonvale Elementary Junior High—to accommodate its growing student population;
- replace three modular classroom units at James Mowat Elementary with four new modular units—to address ageing infrastructure and the growing student population; and
- demolish three modular classroom units at Uncas Elementary.

EIPS expects a decision from the province in early 2022.

Committee Reports

STUDENT EXPULSION COMMITTEE

The Board received for information reports from four Student Expulsion Committee meetings held on September 23, October 4 and October 26. The committee reviewed all relevant information and upheld the recommendations put forward.

Reports for Information

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received for information the Unaudited Financial Report for the 2020-21 school year—September 1 to August 31. The Division ended the 2020-21 school year with an overall operating surplus of \$6.11 million, which the Division has carried forward to the 2021-22 school year. The full report is available at eips.ca (see page 33, "[Unaudited Financial Report](#)").

UNAUDITED ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The Board received for information the Unaudited Accumulated Surplus Report as of Aug. 31, 2021. The Division's accumulated surplus totals \$24.37 million, which includes investment in Board funded tangible capital assets (\$6.32 million); unrestricted surplus, operating reserves (\$16.86 million); and capital reserves (\$1.19 million). Included in the operating reserves is the Division Unallocated Reserve, which EIPS maintains to cover emergent issues, price fluctuations and stabilize funding in the future. The Division Unallocated Reserve is at \$13.43 million. The full report is available at eips.ca (see page 51, "[Unaudited Accumulated Surplus at Aug. 31, 2021](#)").



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

EIPS ENROLMENT: 2021-22

The Board received for information the Division's Enrolment Report for the 2021-22 school year. Enrolment numbers were collected from the PowerSchool database on Sept. 29, 2021. In total, 17,124 students are registered within EIPS—an increase of 155 students from fall 2020.

Trustee Reports

Trustees shared information and highlighted recent events:

- **Vice-Chair Colleen Holowaychuk** took part in the October COSC meeting, regular school council meetings and Read In Week by recording a book reading for elementary students. She also welcomed EIPS' four new trustees and looks forward to working with them.
- **Trustee Randy Footz** virtually attended the October COSC meeting, and school council meetings for A.L. Horton Elementary and Vegreville Composite High—both were well attended. He also took part in a farewell dinner for the four trustees no longer with the EIPS Board. He then welcomed EIPS' four new trustees and looks forward to working will them.
- **Trustee Ralph Sorochan** thanked and commended the Division for its work with the trustee election and communicating information to candidates. He also thanked his fellow trustees and administration for their warm welcome and for making the transition as smooth as possible.

Board Organizational Meeting: October 28

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 2021-22 school year, Trustee Trina Boymook was elected the Chair, and Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk was elected the Vice-Chair. Both individuals will lead the Board of Trustees throughout the 2021-22 school year.

2021-22 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board approved the regular Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for the 2021-22 school year (see pg. 16, "[2021-22 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule](#)").

2021-22 BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

The Board reviewed the 2021-22 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 Nov. 25, 2021.

Board Members

Trina Boymook, *Chair* | Colleen Holowaychuk, *Vice-Chair* | Cathy Allen | Randy Footz | Don Irwin | Susan Miller | Jim Seutter | Jacqueline Shotbolt | Ralph Sorochan

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