

**FEB. 17, 2022**

## Chair's Report

### RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted some recent events:

- On January 27, Chair Boymook participated in a David Irvine webinar entitled, Turning Yourself into a Leader: By bringing your authentic self to 2022. The webinar focused on leadership, dealing with adversity and developing leadership decision-making skills. Four key takeaways: be accountable, real, generous and clear.
- On January 31, Chair Boymook and trustees took part in a second orientation session, hosted by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA). Discussion highlights: Alberta Education's day-to-day operations and the roles and responsibilities of trustees—related to the trustee code of conduct.
- On February 7, Chair Boymook and Superintendent Mark Liguori met with Strathcona County Mayor Rod Frank and Darrell Reid, the CAO of Strathcona County. Topics discussed: future school sites, Sherwood Heights Junior High, Division facilities within Sherwood Park, and priorities and goals for the county and Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS).
- On February 8, a school board chairs meeting was held with Education Minister Adriana LaGrange about changes the province made to its public-health orders, related to COVID-19, and the impact for schools.
- On February 10, Chair Boymook took part in a Partners in Education virtual luncheon, hosted by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA). She thoroughly enjoyed keynote speaker Tanya De Mello, a human rights expert who also has a background in finance, economics, management consulting and law. De Mello spoke about equity, diversity and inclusion. Chair Boymook thanked Deneen Zielke, the President of the ATA Local No. 28, for the invitation.
- On February 11, Chair Boymook participated in ASBA's Board Chair Orientation. Topics discussed: budgets and reserve use, Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association and collective bargaining, ASBA's curriculum advocacy strategy, and government relations and school Board chairs—facilitated by Education Minister LaGrange.
- On February 16, Chair Boymook met with Jordan Walker, the member of the legislative assembly of Alberta for Sherwood Park. The two discussed Sherwood Heights Junior High, the Division's experience dealing with COVID-19 and EIPS' recovery plan. This week, she meets with Nate Glubish, the Minister of Service Alberta and member of the legislative assembly of Alberta for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, to discuss the same topics.

## Superintendent's Report

### RECENT EVENTS

Superintendent Mark Liguori highlighted a number of recent events:

- On January 27, Superintendent Liguori took part in a charter school meeting with Alberta Education and other superintendents and secretary treasurers from across the province. Topics discussed: engagement and the recognition process for charter schools.
- On February 7, Superintendent Liguori joined Chair Boymook at a meeting with Strathcona County Mayor Rod Frank and Darrell Reid, the CAO of Strathcona County. Topics discussed: school sites and Division infrastructure needs.
- On February 8, Superintendent Liguori attended a meeting with Deputy Education Minister Andre Tremblay, hosted by the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS). The focus: recent changes to the province's public-health orders, related to COVID-19, and how the changes impact school operations.

## Association and Local Report

### ASBA ZONE 2/3 REPORT

Trustee Jacqueline Shotbolt attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 meeting on January 28. Highlights include:

- an Alberta Education update and question and answer period—two key highlights: the province has partnered with the federal government to improve access to broadband Internet services in Alberta, and a member asked for an update on the transportation task force, little is known at this time
- a professional learning session about intelligent presentations, facilitated by Paul Debal, the Founder of Toronto-based Perfect Balance Consulting;
- information about two upcoming community engagement sessions, entitled Have Your Say, which allows community members to share their local perspective on the kindergarten to Grade 6 draft curriculum; and
- various committee updates.

### ATA LOCAL REPORT

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

- On February 10-11, the ATA hosted its virtual North Central Teachers' Convention, which included a Partners in Education virtual luncheon with keynote speaker Tanya De Mello. Zielke thanked the Board for attending and meeting with the Local executive to discuss shared concerns before the luncheon.
- Zielke spoke about her disappointment regarding a series of recent interviews conducted by the Premier and Education Minister, which she says vilify teachers and the ATA.
- The ATA continues to work with Alberta Education and school divisions to find ways to solve problems.

## New Business

### 2022 ASCA SCHOOL COUNCIL CONFERENCE AND AGM: REGISTRATION SPONSORSHIP

The Board approved sponsoring the registration fee for school council members to take part in the 2022 Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) School Council Conference and Annual General Meeting. The conference takes place April 22-24. The Board will fund the cost of one registration fee per EIPS school—up to a maximum of \$5,000.

### POLICY AMENDMENTS

The Board approved the following policy amendments:

- [Board Policy 3: Role of the Trustee](#) – several amendments were made, including:
  - edits to strengthen the policy's clarity, language and readability; and
  - clarifications related to professional learning activities.
- [Board Policy 7: Board Operations](#) – several amendments were made, including:
  - various edits to strengthen the policy's clarity, language and readability;
  - updates to reflect current service charges;
  - added information about timelines for archiving Board meeting recordings;
  - clarification about discretionary fund use; and
  - updates about health-benefit provisions.
- [Board Policy 13: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters](#) – the changes strengthen the policy's clarity, language and readability.
- [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) – the changes strengthen the policy's clarity, language and readability.

## BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

The Board directed EIPS administration to revise all Board policies and administrative procedures to include gender-inclusive pronouns. The rationale: To support and strengthen the Division's commitment of ensuring its learning and working environments are welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive.

## BORROWING RESOLUTION: 2021-22

The Board approved the Division's borrowing resolution to meet expenditures during the 2021-22 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 two Student Expulsion Committee meetings held on January 28 and February 16. The committee reviewed all relevant information and upheld the recommendations put forward by school administration.

### POLICY COMMITTEE

The Board received for information a report from the Policy Committee meeting held on February 8. The committee reviewed six policies. Several will come forward for amendments at the Caucus meeting in March.

## Trustee Reports

### RECENT EVENTS

Trustees shared information and highlighted recent events:

- **Trustee Cathy Allen** attended her regular school council meetings, the February Committee of School Councils' meeting (COSC), the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting, the ATA's Partners in Education virtual luncheon and Alberta Education's draft curriculum engagement sessions—which included lots of engaged participants made up of families, educators and curriculum experts. She's also looking forward to attending the upcoming Alberta Rural Education Symposium in early March.
- **Trustee Randy Footz** attended a school council meeting for A.L. Horton Elementary and the February COSC meeting.
- **Trustee Don Irwin** attended the ATA's Partners in Education virtual luncheon; the February COSC meeting; and school council meetings for Brentwood Elementary, Salisbury Composite High and Wes Hosford Elementary. He also participated in a virtual engagement session hosted by the EIPS First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Centre, which was excellent and informative.
- **Trustee Susan Miller** attended school council meetings for Ardrossan Elementary and Ardrossan Junior Senior High and the February COSC meeting.
- **Trustee Jacqueline Shotbolt** attended the February COSC meeting and Board Caucus, meetings about the Division's new Four-Year Education Plan, ASBA's orientation session, and represented the ASBA Zone 2/3 at an Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium stakeholder meeting. She also attended SouthPointe School's school council meeting. At the meeting, school administration highlighted Pink Shirt Day, taking place on February 23. The day also marks the 100th day of learning for students. As such, the school has various activities planned to celebrate.
- **Trustee Jim Seutter** attended the ATA's Partners in Education virtual luncheon, the February COSC meeting and four school council meetings.



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- **Trustee Ralph Sorochan** attended ASBA’s orientation session, the Board Caucus meeting, the February COSC meeting and his regular school council meetings. He enjoyed the ATA’s Partners in Education virtual luncheon and thanked Deneen Zielke, the President of the Local, and the Local’s executive for both the invitation and excellent dialogue. As well, he encouraged trustees to wear something pink to mark Pink Shirt Day on February 23. Trustee Sorochan also thanked all EIPS staff for their efforts navigating the constant changes to guidelines and procedures—not an easy task. Finally, he wished everyone a memorable Family Day long weekend.

## 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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