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Chair's Report

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Board Chair Trina Boymook welcomed everyone to the start of another school year—always an exciting time for Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS). Trustees are all looking forward to the 2022-23 school year.

RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted some recent events:

- On July 11, Chair Boymook attended a public sector compensation consultation.
- On July 21, Chair Boymook attended an Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board Chairs meeting, which focused on the public sector compensation consultation.
- On July 19 and July 23, Chair Boymook attended campaign stops for the Alberta United Conservation Party's leadership race—both within EIPS' boundaries. At the meetings, Chair Boymook asked how candidates plan to support public, private and francophone school boards and plans for the new provincial curriculum.
- On August 12, Chair Boymook met with Jordan Walker, Alberta's Member of the Legislative Assembly for Sherwood Park. The two discussed the replacement school for Sherwood Heights Junior High and École Campbelltown, the public-private partnership model for funding education infrastructure and the new curriculum.

NEW CLASSIFIED ORIENTATION

Chair Boymook was honoured to meet the Division's newest classified employees at the annual Off To A Good Start conference, an orientation program for new EIPS staff. The orientation ran from August 22-23. Chair Boymook brought greetings at the event on behalf of the Board. She's thrilled to have the new staff joining the EIPS team and wishes them the best in the upcoming school year.

WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On August 25, the Board hosted a Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast for staff at EIPS Central Services. The breakfast is an annual event the Board puts on to kickstart the school year and thank EIPS staff for the work they do for the Division. Chair Boymook thanked her fellow trustees and Carol Langford-Pickering, the Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees, for helping organize the breakfast.

Superintendent's Report

STARTUP AND WELCOME

With the 2022-23 school year officially starting on August 30, Superintendent Mark Liguori offered a warm welcome to the more than 17,125 students and their families, who are either new or returning to the Division. He also thanked the Board for hosting the Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast—a tradition staff look forward to year after year.

Throughout the summer, EIPS staff were busy planning and preparing for the new school year to ensure students have another successful academic experience. Part of that preparation work included meetings with senior staff, directors and principals. It also encompassed the Off To A Good Start conference, an annual orientation program for new principals, assistant principals, teachers and employees. Overall, it was terrific to meet face to face again and to put plans in motion for the 2022-23 school year.

Association and Employee Relation Reports

ASBA ZONE 2/3 MEETING

Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk presented highlights from the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 meeting held on June 17. Highlights include:

- A discussion about the ASBA's trustee governance program—25 trustees have signed up so far.
- ASBA will host the next Canadian School Boards Association annual conference in Banff.
- A motion passed to discontinue the Zone Language Committee.
- The meeting location will change starting September 2022. Meetings now take place at the Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre.
- The next meeting is on September 23.

ATA LOCAL REPORT

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

- Zielke hopes everyone had a nice and relaxing summer break.
- The Local anticipates another challenging year for schools, teachers, support staff and students, given the new curriculum roll-out and funding needs to support increased enrolment.
- On August 8-12, the ATA hosted its Annual Summer Conference. Zielke attended various training and professional learning sessions. The highlight, a keynote speaker who spoke on the current political landscape and strategies to make education a priority. The conference also included a question-and-answer period with Alberta United Conservative Party leadership candidates—some promised to restore education funding, revise the new curriculum and work with the ATA.
- The ATA plans to launch a new campaign entitled, "Stand for Public Education." The campaign will focus on the importance of public education, engage families and community members, and a Stand for Public Education Rally on October 22.
- Zielke thanked Steve Schaar, the Director of Human Resources at EIPS, for inviting her to speak to new teachers at the Off To A Good Start conference.
- Zielke looks forward to the year ahead and working together to make positive changes.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS GROUP REPORT

The Board received for information the Employee Relations Group (ERG) report from Dulcie Jarvin, the committee's Chair:

- The 2022-23 school year is off to a good start. The committee includes: Dulcie Jarvin, Chair; Bonnie Stone, Central Services; Cathy Moorhouse, Central Services; Marlene Steeves, the County of Minburn; Bev Fuller, the County of Lamont; Carlin Adams, Fort Saskatchewan; Kara Comer, rural Strathcona County; Rebecca Roy, Sherwood Park – elementary; and Michelle Miller, Sherwood Park – secondary.
- The Human Resources committee developed new staffing guidelines, being implemented this year, to ensure consistency among classified staff in all schools.
- The ERG welcomed classified staff to EIPS at the Off to a Good Start conference.
- Highlights of the ERG's work for 2022-23:
 - update the classified handbook;
 - assist EIPS Human Resources with the keynote speaker for the Classified Professional Learning Day;
 - organize, with Human Resources, various wellness initiatives using board-funded grant money; and
 - develop strategies to help fill the classified substitute list.



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

New Business

TRUSTEE SCHOOL LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE LIST: 2022-23

The Board approved the Trustee School Liaison Representative List for the 2022-23 school year (see pg. 9, ["2022-23 Trustee School Liaison Representative List."](#))

Committee Reports

STUDENT EXPULSION COMMITTEE

The Board received for information reports from two Student Expulsion Committee meetings held on June 20 and June 24. The committee reviewed all the information presented and upheld the recommendations put forward by the school's administration.

Trustee Reports

Trustees all took time to welcome students and staff back to school and look forward to a wonderful 2022-23 school year.

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: 2022-23

NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Board held its annual organizational meeting, which included nominations and elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. 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 2022-23 school year.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE: 2022-23

The Board approved the regular Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for the 2022-23 school year (see [Board of Trustees: Meetings](#)”).

BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS: 2022-23

The Board reviewed the 2022-23 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. 15, 2022.

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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