

SEPT. 15, 2022

Chair's Report

RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted several recent events:

- On September 2, Chair Boymook and Trustee Randy Footz attended Vegreville's Pancake Breakfast, which also included a meet and greet with Travis Toews, a leadership candidate with the United Conservative Party of Alberta.
- On September 2, Chair Boymook and Trustee Cathy Allen met with Nate Glubish, the Minister of Service Alberta and member of the legislative assembly of Alberta for Strathcona-Sherwood Park. Overall, it was a productive meeting and included discussions about progress concern with the replacement school for Sherwood Heights Junior High and École Campbelltown.
- On September 13, the Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees met with Education Minister Adriana LaGrange. At the meeting, trustees shared with the minister progress concerns with the Sherwood Heights Junior High and École Campbelltown replacement school solution, needed modular funding, repairs for Salisbury Composite High, and challenges with the new reserve cap.
- On September 13, the Board attended a public engagement session about potential changes to the junior high attendance area in Sherwood Park—moving all regular program Grade 6 students at Brentwood Elementary to F.R. Haythorne Junior High for grades 7 to 9. The change would prevent splitting students between two junior high schools. The Board will make a decision about the junior high attendance area at the Board meeting in November. She thanked the school community for participating and for their feedback.
- On September 12 and 14, the Board attended the Vegreville value scoping session, organized by START Architecture Inc. The session focused on the town's two EIPS facilities and will help guide the Division's short-term and long-term facility needs in Vegreville. Chair Boymook thanked the Town of Vegreville, Village of Andrew and community members for participating.

Superintendent's Report

RECENT EVENTS

Superintendent Mark Liguori highlighted two recent events:

- On September 13, Superintendent Liguori joined the Board at the meeting with LaGrange. It was a pleasure to meet and discuss mutual concerns.
- On September 12 and 14, Superintendent Liguori attended the Vegreville value scoping session. The session was an opportunity to discuss how EIPS can best serve the community now, and in the future.

Association and Employee Relations Reports

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:

- On September 9-11, the Local met for its annual strategic planning session. The two key focus areas:
 - the Stand for Education campaign and rally—taking place on October 22; and
 - member attendance at upcoming events planned by the Local's Women in Leadership Committee.
- On September 13, Zielke participated in the Local's council meeting—the first in-person meeting in three years. It was great to see everyone, connect and discuss plans for the 2022-23 school year.
- On October 14, the ATA is hosting its annual Induction Ceremony, which was suspended during the pandemic. Zielke is looking forward to inducting the new members.



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS GROUP REPORT

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

- School startup went well, and staff are feeling energized.
- The Division held a recent professional learning day. The sessions went well, and the highlight for many was the group activities.
- Some schools are seeing increased attendance, which is creating an exciting energy for staff.
- EIPS will host its 2023 EIPS Classified PL Day at the Agora and Salisbury Composite High on May 5.

New Business

ACTING CHAIR SCHEDULE: 2022-23

The Board approved the Acting Chair Schedule for 2022-23. The schedule assigns a trustee to serve in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair (see pg. 14, "[Acting Chair Schedule 2022-23](#)").

BOARD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE LIST 2022-23

The Board approved the 2022-23 Board Committee Representative List. The Board assigns trustees to committees for liaison purposes. Trustee interests are considered for the committee placements (see pg. 16, "[Board Committee Representatives 2022-23](#)").

TEACHERS' COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Board approved the following trustee appointments to the Division's Teachers' Collective Agreement Negotiations Committee:

Committee Chair: Trina Boymook

Committee Vice-Chair: Ralph Sorochan

TRUSTEE REMUNERATION: 2022-23

The Board approved the trustee remuneration for the 2022-23 school year. Rates will increase by 1.756 per cent, effective Sept. 1, 2022. The rate increase aligns with the pay increase approved for all EIPS classified employees in spring 2022.

READ IN WEEK: 2022

Chair Boymook shared the Division's plans for this year's Read In Week, taking place October 3-7. Read In Week is a divisionwide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, families and community members. This year's theme: "Choose Your Own Adventure." Through various activities, students will spend the week learning tips on choosing the right book; the art of storytelling; and how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Some of the activities planned include guest readers, book giveaways, book-club readings and discussions about stories. Chair Boymook read and signed a resolution committing EIPS' support for Read In Week 2022. She encourages everyone to participate by reading to a child, grandchild, student or someone in the community.

Committee Reports

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The Board received for information a report from the Advocacy Committee meeting held on August 31. Topics discussed: the committee's strategic plan, advocacy focus areas, *EIPS Quarterly Update*, and launching a newsletter to engage the school community about Board advocacy efforts.

Reports for Information

FACILITY SERVICES: 2021-22 SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE

The Board received for information an update on Facility Services' summer projects in 2022. Throughout the summer months, Facility Services oversaw a total of 367 summer projects, including Infrastructure, Maintenance and Renewal (IMR), Capital Maintenance and Renewal, and additional projects across the Division—98 per cent of which are complete. The projects ranged in nature and included improvements to electrical systems, roofing, interiors, exteriors, mechanical equipment and flooring at various EIPS schools. Project highlights include:

GENERAL SUMMER PROJECTS

- Renovated the main office at Rudolph Hennig Junior High.
- Renovations at Pine Street Elementary to allow room for the installation of accessible bathrooms.
- Relocated a modular classroom to James Mowat Elementary from Fultonvale Elementary Junior High.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL

- Installation of two CCTV surveillance camera systems.
- Upgrades to the art room at Ardrossan Junior Senior High.
- Asphalt repairs to the asphalt at Uncas Elementary.
- Phase 3 Installations of carbon-dioxide sensors.
- Roof replacement at F.R. Haythorne Junior High.
- Lift replacing Pine Street Elementary.
- Renovating the main office at Rudolph Hennig Junior High.

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL

- Upgraded the boiler pumps and accessories at Salisbury Composite High.
- Replaced the gymnasium roof at Lamont High.
- Replaced the roof of Ardrossan Junior Senior High.

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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