

FEB. 15, 2024

## Chair's Report

### RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Cathy Allen highlighted recent trustee events:

- On February 7, Chair Allen and Trustee Jacqueline Shotbolt attended an economic development presentation hosted by the Fort Saskatchewan and District Chamber of Commerce. Key focus areas include the Downtown Action Plan, which supports current and new businesses in the city's downtown community, and attracting new investment opportunities for its business and industry sectors.
- On February 9, trustees attended the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Partners in Education Luncheon. The highlight: Keynote speaker Cadmus Delorme, a Cree and Saulteaux who is the former Chief of Cowessess First Nation in Southern Saskatchewan and current Chair of the Residential Schools Document Advisory Committee. Delorme delivered an inspiring presentation about the power of truth, understanding and reconciliation. Chair Allen thanked the ATA for the invitation.
- On February 12, trustees and Superintendent Stoddard attended a joint meeting with Elk Island Catholic Schools trustees and Superintendent.

## Superintendent's Report

### RECENT EVENTS

Superintendent Stoddard highlighted several recent events:

- On January 29, she attended a virtual meeting with Strathcona County's Family and Child Services about the Community Safety and Well-being Initiative, which provides support to vulnerable youth. Specifically, they discussed ways EIPS can support the initiative and enhance it through possible joint projects.
- On February 2, she met the Strathcona County's Chief Commissioner, Darrell Reid. The pair discussed the Division's *Three-Year Capital Plan*, the new Sherwood Park replacement school, student capacity within Sherwood Park and the county's joint-use agreement.
- On February 9, she attended the ATA's Partners in Education Luncheon with keynote speaker Cadmus Delorme, who spoke about the importance of truth, relationship building, understanding and reconciliation. The event also provided an opportunity to meet with the Local executive and teachers—all of whom spoke highly of the professional learning sessions throughout this year's North Central Teachers' Convention.
- On February 12, she joined trustees at the joint meeting with Elk Island Catholic Schools.

## Association and Employee Relation Reports

### ATA LOCAL REPORT

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

- On February 8-9, the ATA hosted its North Central Teachers' Convention. Overall, the feedback was positive, particularly about the quality of keynote speakers and the learning sessions' range of content.
- On February 9, the ATA hosted its annual Partners in Education Luncheon, which Zielke thanked trustees and EIPS administration for attending. The event featured a keynote speaker, Cadmus Delorme, a group lunch, and a valuable networking opportunity.
- On February 9-10, Zielke attended an ATA Local Presidents' meeting. Topics discussed: the new elementary social studies curriculum, the province's transgender policies, teacher retention and sustainable funding.
- Currently, the Local is working on engaging members to prepare for the central-table bargaining and planning for its Annual Representative Assembly in May.



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## New Business

### AMENDED BOARD OF TRUSTEE SCHEDULE

The Board approved the amended Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for the 2023-24 school year (see pg. 12, "[Amended 2022-23 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule](#)").

### BOARD POLICY AMENDMENTS

The Board approved amendments to the following Board policy:

- [Policy 25: Petitions and Public Notices](#) – the edits strengthen the policy’s clarity, language and readability.

### BORROWING RESOLUTION: 2023-24

The Board approved the Division’s borrowing resolution to meet expenditures during the 2023-24 school year. Annually, the Division submits a borrowing resolution to the Bank of Montreal to support its credit-facility agreements in place.

## Committee Report

### POLICY COMMITTEE

The Board received for information a report from the Policy Committee meeting held on February 7. The committee reviewed four policies—4, 13, 24 and 25. Amendments to Policy 25 were approved earlier at the February Board meeting (see pg. 2, “Board Policy Amendments”). Meanwhile, policies 4 and 13 were sent to the administration for legal review, and Policy 24 was deferred to a later date.

## Board Members

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

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