



OCT. 15, 2020

Chair's Report

RECENT EVENTS

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted recent events:

- On October 5, the Board of Trustees and Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) celebrated World Teachers' Day. She thanked all EIPS teachers and Division employees, who support students every day—of particular importance this year. Overall, staff are adapting well to the new public-health measures and collectively setting an example of perseverance and overcoming uncertainty.
- On October 7, Chair Boymook attended the first Committee of School Councils (COSC) meeting of the school year. Because of COVID-19 public-health restrictions, COSC meetings are taking place virtually. She looks forward to working closely with the many school council groups over the coming year.

Superintendent's Report

RECENT EVENTS

Superintendent Mark Liguori highlighted recent events:

- On October 5, Superintendent Liguori attended an Andrew School Committee meeting with a community group working to ensure the elementary school remains viable in the village.

Association and Local Reports

ASBA ZONE 2/3 REPORT

Trustee Heather Wall attended the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting on Sept. 25, 2020. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Going forward, members have the option to either attend meetings virtually or in-person. At the meeting, members also discussed student numbers, which are down for many school divisions.

ATA LOCAL REPORT

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

- On September 29, the Local hosted its Annual General Meeting. The meeting included the election of the executive's table officers and the passing of two motions. One, to support the suspension of after-school activities in EIPS schools during the pandemic. The other, to provide branded masks for employees and families.

New Business

BYLAW NO. 007/20: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WARDS AND ELECTORIAL SUBDIVISIONS

Bylaw 007/20: The Establishment of Wards and Electoral Subdivisions, received three readings by the Board and was then passed. The Board will update *Appendix A – Policy 7: Board Operations* to reflect bylaw 007/20.

MODULAR CLASSROOM REQUEST: 2021-22

2020-21 Modular Request

The Board directed EIPS administration to request Alberta Education funding to relocate four modular classroom units for the 2021-22 school year. If approved, the Division will move all four modular units—two from Pine Street Elementary and two from École Campbelltown—to SouthPointe School to accommodate its growing student population. A decision is expected from the province early in the new year.

Committee Report

POLICY COMMITTEE

The Board received for information the report from the Policy Committee meeting held on October 13. The committee reviewed policies as per the schedule and will bring two policies forward for review at a future board meeting.

STUDENT EXPULSION COMMITTEE

The Board received for information the report from the Student Expulsion Committee meeting held on October 13. The committee received information from the principal and upheld the recommendation put forward.

Reports for Information

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received for information the Unaudited Financial Report for the 2019-20 school year—September 1 to August 31. The Division ended the 2019-20 school year with a deficit of \$1.48 million. Both its revenue and expenses were lower than budgeted, resulting in a favourable variance of \$6.47 million. The full report is available at eips.ca (see page 43, "[Unaudited Financial Report 2020](#)").

UNAUDITED ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The Board received for information the Unaudited Accumulated Surplus Report as of Aug. 31, 2020. The Division's accumulated surplus totals \$18.26 million, which includes investment in Board funded tangible capital assets (\$6.22 million), unrestricted surplus, operating reserves (\$11.26 million) and capital reserves (\$780,000). As part of the operating reserves, EIPS maintains a Division Unallocated Reserve to cover emergent issues, price fluctuations and stabilize funding in the future. As of Aug. 31, 2020, the reserve balance is \$7.07 million. The full report is available at eips.ca (see page 58, "[Unaudited Accumulated Surplus at Aug. 31, 2020](#)").

EIPS ENROLMENT: 2020-21

The Board received for information the Division's Enrolment Report for the 2020-21 school year. Enrolment numbers were collected from the PowerSchool database on Sept. 30, 2020. In total, 17,001 students are registered within Elk Island Public Schools—a decrease of 399 students from the year previous.

Trustee Reports Roundtable

Trustees shared information and highlighted recent events:

- **Vice-Chair Colleen Holowaychuk** attended her regular monthly school council meetings, the October COSC meeting and the Andrew School Committee meeting. She also observed the Canadian School Boards Association's Indigenous Trustee panel, which focused on the opportunities and challenges experienced by Indigenous school trustees across the country.
- **Trustee Randy Footz** was recently interviewed by Country 106.5 in Vegreville. The focus: The Division's school re-entry strategy. He also attended school council meetings at A.L. Horton Elementary and Vegreville Composite High.



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- **Trustee Annette Hubick** attended school council meetings at Clover Bar Junior High, Mills Haven Elementary, Davidson Creek Elementary and Salisbury Composite High. At Davidson Creek Elementary, parents discussed ways to stay involved with the school while public-health restrictions are in place.
- **Trustee Don Irwin** attended Westboro Elementary's school council meeting, the October COSC meeting and the LOGOS program's Board meeting.
- **Trustee Heather Wall** attended school council meetings in Fort Saskatchewan.

Board Members

Trina Boymook, *Chair* | Colleen Holowaychuk, *Vice-Chair* | Randy Footz | William (Skip) Gordon | Annette Hubick | Don Irwin | Jim Seutter | Harvey Stadnick | Heather Wall

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trina Boymook, *Board Chair* | P 780 417 8101

Laura McNabb, *Director, Communication Services* | P 780 417 8204

www.eips.ca | Twitter: [@eips](https://twitter.com/eips) | Facebook: [elkislandpublicschools](https://www.facebook.com/elkislandpublicschools)