

Summary of Board Meeting #10 Tuesday, April 16, 2002

A. **O Canada** – Laura Halvorsen, a Grade 12 student from Jasper Place, sang O Canada.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

1. **85th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge - April 9th**

The chairman advised that April 9th, had been the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. By its name, Edmonton Public Schools' L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy acknowledges the Battle of Vimy Ridge and honours all those Canadians who made such great sacrifices so long ago for Canada and its future. With its emphasis on Canada, L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy focuses on building strong Canadian citizens who honour their past and desire to build a strong nation for tomorrow.

This year, the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge reminds us of the men and women of the Edmonton Garrison currently overseas. Our thoughts and prayers (best wishes) are with them and their families.

2. **Earth Day**

The chairman advised that Monday, April 22, 2001 is International Earth Day. Many district students will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day and Week – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives. Several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. The board encourages schools to participate. While Earth Day and Week only come around once a year, taking pride in our school grounds and keeping our communities beautiful and litter-free is a worthy cause for all -- everyday of the year.

3. April 28th is The National Day Of Mourning For Workers Injured Or Killed At The Workplace

The chairman advised that, on average, over a million cases of occupational injuries have been reported by Worker's Compensation Boards across Canada for each of the last 10 years. There are at least 1,000 occupational deaths reported each year. It is these types of statistics that prompted the Canadian Labour Congress to set aside April 28 each year as a Day of Mourning for victims of workplace accidents and disease.

In recognition of the men and women of our province and of the district who are part of those statistics, on April 27 1998, the Edmonton Public School Board proclaimed every April 28th as an annual 'Day of Mourning' in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job.

The board encourages each and everyone to do their part to ensure that Edmonton Public Schools' work and learning environments are as healthy and safe for staff, students and community as possible.

4. Excellence In Teaching Awards Finalists:

The chairman announced that 26 Edmonton Public Schools teachers have been selected as finalists for the 14th Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards. These teachers were chosen from 82 nominees by a selection committee of representatives from stakeholder groups and education partners in the learning community. The board of trustees looks forward to the opportunity to pay tribute and honour these finalists at a special board meeting on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:30 p.m. in McCauley Chambers.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 12, 2002 - Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

2. Jasper Place High School AISI Project – Career Directions – Received for information.

G. Recognition:

3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award - Received for information.
4. "An Act to Follow" Staff Recognition Program - Received for information.

H. Reports:

5. Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 2, 2002)

Approved recommendations re:

- Spokespersons for negotiations with CUPE Locals
- ASBA Awards

6. Tawa School Site – Approved recommendation.

7. Tenders – Meyonohk School Four Classroom Addition - Approved recommendation.

8. Inclusive Education Committee - Received for information.

9. An Interim Evaluation of the LearnCanada Project

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Hansen indicated that he would like to know, should the project expand to include all schools, where the funding would come from.

10. WebCT - Received for information.

11. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002

Deferred to the April 30, 2002 board meeting.

12. Response to Trustee Request for Information - Received for information.

13. Bereavement - Received with regret.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Karen Beaton, President Edmonton Public Teachers, provided a copy of the preliminary report of the class size census taken in December 12, 2001 by the Edmonton Public Teachers Local to trustees. A copy of the preliminary summary report was provided to each teacher in the Local today. They believe that the report provides a very realistic picture of the kinds of conditions that students and teachers find themselves in any given day. The Executive of the Local looks forward to discussing the report with the board sometime in the future.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Hansen referred to an article in the April 9, 2002 edition of the ATA News entitled “Government Leaves IOP High and Dry”. The article says that Alberta Learning has disbanded the IOP Curriculum and Development and IOP Achievement Test Projects. He requested that an information report be provided to confirm this and what the implications would be on the IOP programs in the district.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Meeting Date: April 30, 2002 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.