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Results
from all
Students

Summary of Board Meeting #12 Tuesday, April 27, 2004

A. **O Canada** – Students from Glenora School sang O Canada.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:10 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that tomorrow, April 28th, is the National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed at the Workplace. On average, over a million cases of occupational injuries have been reported by Worker's Compensation Boards across Canada for each of the last 13 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 28th 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, the Edmonton Public School Board on April 27, 1998 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.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #11 – April 13, 2004 - Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Glenora School's Instructional Focus – Higher Level Thinking Skills in the Area of Evaluation

Received for information.

G. **Reports:**

3. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004

a) Received for information.

- b) Trustee Odynski requested information on the reasons why enrolment for special needs students has increased – is this the result of programming that is being offered or the demographics of our students?
- c) Trustee Fleming asked why the numbers of support staff and exempt staff have increased when other staff groups have decreased for last year.

4. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Fleming, with respect to TT#441, requested that parents be advised of the option of paying by post-dated cheques for music enrichment fees.

The superintendent advised that this would be done.

5. Student Transportation Fees for 2004-2005

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Woodrow asked that information be provided regarding how many fees are not paid by parents for transportation.
- c) Trustee Fleming requested that information be provided on special needs funding issues for discussion with the Metro Caucus on June 5, 2004.

6. SchoolZone

Received for information.

7. Leasing Summary for 2003 – 2004

Received for information.

8. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Gibeault advised that he would volunteer to have his head sheared for the Cops for Cancer fundraising activity on May 5, 2004 if there was a minimum donation of \$100 from his fellow trustees.

2. Trustee Woodrow advised that she had received a letter from the Edmonton Regional Coalition for Integrated Education advising that a teacher from Aldergrove had received a regional award and asked if there was a way to share this information to provide encouragement to other school staff in regards to inclusion.

Trustee Woodrow asked the superintendent to consider what can be done.

3. Trustee Odynski advised that the chairman, Donna Barrett and she had attended a tour at the Edmonton Christian School with the Minister of Learning last week. The report from the executive director for the Society was highly complimentary of the partnership with the district.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Fleming requested historical information from 2001 to the present regarding the enrolment at Strathcona School as well as information on the provincial occupancy rate.
2. Trustee Nicholson asked that information be provided on the impact of the changes in enrolment for all south side high schools.
3. Trustee Dean requested that similar enrolment information be provided for M.E. LaZerte and Londonderry Schools.
4. Trustee Hansen requested information on the process used to identify ESL students relative to Calgary Public. Are the numbers of students who have been identified accurate. Are we ensuring we are identifying all students eligible for ESL funding under the new funding framework.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting Date: May 11, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:10 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.