

Summary of Board Meeting #4 – Tuesday, December 14, 1999

A. **O Canada** - Students from Sifton School performed O Canada.

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

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman** – None.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Dosdall advised that the administration had made a presentation to Minister of Infrastructure Ed Stelmach regarding the board's position on the utilization rate, ageing and deteriorating facilities as well as block funding. The Minister was advised that the board is always looking for innovative ways that we can meet the needs of students as our enrolment increases and, in particular, in new neighbourhoods and would be seeking his assistance. The administration will encapsulate the main points of the meeting and provide this information to trustees and to school principals.

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 30, 1999

Minutes approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Sifton School: Learning in the New Millennium

Report received for information.

G. **Recognitions:**

3. “Invest in Success” Trust

Report received for information.

4. One Child – Our Future (The Millennium Song)

Report received for information.

H. Reports:

5. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 7, 1999)

Approved recommendations re:

- teacher certificated terminations by mutual consent
- deferred deficit recovery grant

6. Programming for Senior High School Students with Special Needs and Students at Risk, 1999-2002

Report received for information.

7. District Priorities 1999-2002

Reaffirmed priorities.

8. Outreach Policy and Programs

Approved recommendation.

9. Year 2000, 2001 and 2002 Capital Submission

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Melnychuk requested that information be provided regarding the criteria that was used to determine the ranking of the projects identified in the capital submission report.

10. Eastwood Year Round Modified Calendar: Year One Monitoring

a) Noted correction on page 1 of the report. The last sentence of third bullet should read: *The number of in-school and out-of-school suspensions for negative behaviour was reduced by almost 70 per cent over the previous year.*

b) Report received for information.

11. Monitoring of Early Reading Initiative

Report received for information.

12. Writing Road to Reading Pilot Results

Report received for information.

13. Factors Influencing Student Transportation Fees

The report was deferred to the January 11, 2000 board meeting to placed first in the report section of the agenda after any reports from conference committee to board.

14. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

- a) Report received for information.
- b) Trustee Bonko requested information as to whether we have an arrangement similar to the Catholic School Board regarding the hiring of Norquest graduates.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Melnychuyk requested further information regarding the ASEBP surcharge – what is the total surcharge and how does that break down by staff group?
2. Trustee Melnychuk requested that the recently approved policy on Outreach Programs be brought to the Planning and Policy committee to review wording and format.

L. Notices of Motion

1. Approved the following motion made by Trustee Gibeault: “That board policy CCE.BP – Definition of a School and any other board policies that are past their review dates be reviewed by the Planning and Policy Committee.”
2. Referred the following motion made by Trustee Gibeault to the administration: “That the employee benefits report minus the appendices be shared with the ATA Local, the CUPE Locals and the Exempt Liaison Committee”.

M. Meeting Dates:

Dr. Dossdall expressed pleasure in working with the board in the last century and looked forward to working with trustees in the next century.

The chairman wished everyone a very pleasant holiday.

Next public board meeting – Tuesday, January 11, 2000 – 6:00 p.m.

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.