



## Summary of Board Meeting #7 Tuesday, February 11, 2003

A. **O Canada** – CCEP Band.

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

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

1. The chairman noted that there were members of the Cultural Brokers in School Project in attendance to observe a board meeting. The project provides educational support to immigrant and refugee youth and families through home-school liaison, information for parents and students on Alberta's education system, information for educators on working effectively with immigrant and refugee students and families, and linguistic interpretation and cultural education. The Cultural Brokers are members of the Iraqi, Kurdish, Sierra Leonean, Somali and Sudanese communities.
2. The chairman noted that this week (February 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>) is officially Random Acts of Kindness Week. The board has endorsed and recognized Random Acts of Kindness Week since 1996. The board encourages everyone to recognize and participate in random acts of kindness week whether it be to help a needy friend or anonymously shovel a neighbour's sidewalk. Hopefully kindness is something we practice throughout the year.
3. The chairman noted that he had attended a meeting of school board chairs and the Capital Region Caucus this morning.

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

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #6 - January 28, 2003 - Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. City Centre Education Project
  - a) Received for information.
  - b) Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding what the district can do to support longitudinal research with respect to the results achieved by the City Centre Education Project.

**G. Reports:**

3. Report #2 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held February 4, 2003)

Approved recommendation regarding auditors.

4. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 4, 2003)

Confirmed spokesperson for teacher negotiations.

5. Projects Funded from the Capital Reserve

Approved recommendation.

6. George P. Nicholson and Jackson Heights Schools – Capital Budgets

Approved recommendation.

7. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2003-2004

a) Received for information.

b) Trustees Nicholson and Fleming expressed concern with respect to the reduction of the IB allocation.

c) Trustees also expressed concern with respect to the reduction of special needs allocations.

8. Establishment of the 2003-2004 Budget Planning Base

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Martin asked what the district's total outstanding debt is.

9. Response to Presentations by Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37, CUPE Local 474, CUPE Local 3550 and Exempt Staff

a) Received for information.

b) Report and copy of presentations to be disseminated to principals and central services decision unit administrators.

10. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Odynski with, respect to TT #229, suggested that values and beliefs be identified for P3s.

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

- **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Martin advised that he had attended the opening and closing ceremonies as well as some games of the Redmen Invitational Basketball Tournament.

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

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information** – None.

**K. Notices of Motion** – None.

**L. Next Meeting Date: February 25, 2003 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

**M. Duration of Meeting: 6:10 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.**