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- Board Meeting #6 -

Minutes of the board meeting of the trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Sue Huff

George Rice
Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Donna Barrett
Jenise Bidulock

Bruce Coggles
Ron MacNeil
Tanni Parker

Pat Davidson
Phillip Grehan
Jane Moore
Elizabeth Norris-Kartz

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President
CUPE Local 3550 – Trudy Grenbenstein, President

A. **O Canada** – 

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

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

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

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E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #5 – January 15, 2008

Trustee Huff noted on page 7 of the minutes that she had visited Mayfield School (not Meadowlark School) in December.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #5 held January 15, 2008 be approved as amended.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

F. Improving Student Achievement

2. Improving Student Achievement Through the Outreach Programs

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘Improving Student Achievement Through the Outreach Programs’ be received for information.”

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

3. Delegation re Horse Hill School

The board heard from Ms Amanda Biesiegel and Ms Cori Ramsay who spoke about the viability of Horse Hill School.

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the verbal report be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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4. Annual Implementation Plan 2007-08 – Outcomes and Recommendations

The board heard from the following speakers:

Horse Hill School

Jackie Clark
Darla Kinniburgh
MLA Dan Backs
Todd Molineaux

Ritchie School

Christine Twardzik
Mary-Kay Day

Woodcroft School

Laurie Simpson
Dwight McClelland
MLA Bruce Miller
Sonya Chudyk
Arlene Huhn
Patricia Grell
Darrel Lucas
Shauna Wilson

The board took a short break at this point.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That the Sustainability of Coronation School be reviewed should Annual Implementation benchmarks not be achieved by September 1, 2010.”**

Trustee Huff requested information be provided regarding what impact would result by having leased space included in the provincial utilization rate on the viability of Coronation School.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “2. That the Sustainability of Grovenor School be reviewed should Annual Implementation benchmarks not be achieved by September 1, 2010.”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Shipka:

- “3. That the Sustainability of Horse Hill School be reviewed should Annual Implementation benchmarks not be achieved by September 1, 2010.”**

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “4. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of Ritchie School.”**

The board chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn and Huff

The Motion was CARRIED.

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MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “5. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of Woodcroft School.”**

Trustee Colburn requested that a formal response be provided to Mr. Dwight McClelland clarifying the requirements of School Closure Regulation 238/97 Section (4)(1)(b) regarding the commencement of consideration for closure.

The board chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibson, Rice and Ripley

OPPOSED: Trustees Colburn, Gibeault, Huff and Shipka

The Motion was CARRIED.

5. Aboriginal Education Policy and Regulation: Implementation Plan

This report was deferred to the February 12, 2008 board meeting.

6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Huff:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Bereavement

The board vice-chair reported on the death of Mrs. Diana Simpson, a member of the support staff.

MOVED BY Board Vice-Chair Gibeault:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

- **Other Trustee Reports**

Trustee Ripley advised that she and Trustee Fleming had attended the ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting on Friday, January 25, 2008. The Zone 23 representatives were requested to find out the views of their respective boards regarding the proposed funding increase for private schools. She also noted that the extra staff work required for the severe disabilities funding review was discussed and she commended the efforts of district special needs staff in the review.

Trustee Huff reported that she had attended the Lego Robotics Competition on January 26, 2008. Councillor Kim Krushell and three Catholic trustees were also in attendance. The winner of the competition will go to Atlanta.

Trustee Esslinger advised that she had attended the Shifting into Wellness Symposium hosted by Minister David Hancock.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Amanda Biesiegel noted that the boundaries of the Horse Hill Community includes Brintnell and Pilot Sound.

Ms Cindy Skolski clarified that the district's school attendance boundaries are different from those of community boundaries.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding how individuals are selected for the school closure debriefing process.

Trustees Gibson and Fleming requested that the administration review the district web survey that was developed for the last provincial election to increase candidate awareness of educational issues.

Trustee Huff asked that information be provided with respect to how PO&M funds will be allocated for the ASAP schools given the 30 year maintenance deal.

Trustee Fleming requested clarification as to whether P3 schools would include only the building envelope leaving the district responsible for such things as furnishings, plumbing, electrical, etc.

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K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Esslinger served notice of the following motion:

That the Board establish a district-level foundation as outlined in the April 10, 2007 Board Report – Framework for a District-Level Foundation.

Trustee Esslinger also requested that the administration prepare a revised report clearly outlining the recommended model for consideration of this motion.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (10:55 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary