

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

February 13, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATORS: A. McBeath, Department Head
G. Reynolds, Department Head
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RESOURCE

STAFF: Meredith Colgan, Robert Craig, Bob Maksymic, Bob Maskell,
Dean Power

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #295, JANUARY 30, 2001, (TRUSTEE GIBEAULT) - PROVIDE A COPY OF THE COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY.

The Community Access Program Registration Form includes the Acceptable Use Policy, and is provided in Appendix I. (B. Maksymic, 429-8481)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #296, JANUARY 30, 2001, (TRUSTEE BONKO) - PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE LARGE INCREASE IN THE COST FOR MAIL DELIVERY FOR FIVE DAYS A WEEK IN PARTICULAR.

In preparation of the revisions to the budget manual in October 2000 and the board report of January 30, 2001, the delivery rate for 5 days for 2000-01 was incorrectly reported. The rate should have been \$1,600 for 2000-01 and \$1,680 for 2001-02

Item	2000-01 Rate	Proposed 2001-02 Rate
Mail delivery, including delivery of boxes from school to school		
- 1 day per week	\$ 800	\$ 840
- 2 days per week	\$1,000	\$1,050
- 3 days per week	\$1,200	\$1,260
- 4 days per week	\$1,400	\$1,470
- 5 days per week	\$1,600	\$1,680

(D. Power, 429-8141)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #297, JANUARY 30, 2001 (TRUSTEE BONKO): PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING WHEN THE RECOVERY COSTS FOR THE MUSIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS WILL BE AT 50%. ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE MUSIC ENRICHMENT FEES RELATIVE TO THE PARTICIPATION RATES IN THE PROGRAMS OVER THE YEARS. HAVE WE SEEN A DECREASE IN THE PARTICIPATION RATE DUE TO THE INCREASING COSTS OF THE MUSIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS? The proposed fee increase for Music Enrichment for the 2001-2002 year is based upon a 50% cost recovery. The fee schedule is outlined below. There is an increase for out of district students and for adults. This fee has remained the same for a number of years prior to this increase.

Increased fees have not affected enrollment in the string program which has experienced a growth of approximately 60 students this year.

There has been a slight drop in the choral enrollment each year. This is not so much a result of fee increase as in the availability of many singing opportunities in community choirs throughout the city. Victoria School is presently operating four elementary choirs with a total of about 180 students

Strings	2000-2001		2001-2002
Instrument rental only	\$25 per month		\$30 per month
First year instruction plus instrument rental	170		180
Succeeding years of instruction plus instrument rental	210		220
instruction for Students owning own instrument	110		140
orchestra only	140		140
orchestra supplement for students enrolled in classes	25		35 orch D,C,B
			60 orch A, SS
Choral			
Elementary Choral	110		120
Secondary Choral	120		125
Honour Orff	115		125
Out of District Fees			
String Instruction	355		375
Orchestra	355		375
Choral	280		300
Orff	280		300
Adult Fee	355		375

(B. Maskell, 426-3010)

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION #298: (TRUSTEE MELNYCHUK) PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THE DIRECTION TO THE DISTRICT TO CHARGE AND COLLECT THE GST ON ALL AFTER-HOURS

RENTALS WAS A NEW REQUIREMENT. WHY WOULD WE BE REQUIRED TO COLLECT THE GST ON ALL AFTER-HOURS RENTALS? Edmonton Public Schools charges and collects GST on all invoices for goods and services billed outside the district in compliance with the Federal Excise Tax Law. Fees for after-hours rentals under the Joint Use Agreement were first implemented in September 1998. GST has been charged and collected by the district on all after-hours rentals since the implementation of the fees. The printed fee schedule always notes that the hourly rate is subject to GST so that users are aware that the GST will be added to the quoted rates. (M. Colgan, 429-8537)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #299, JANUARY 30, 2001 (TRUSTEE MELNYCHUK) TRUSTEE MELNYCHUK REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION BE PROVIDED REGARDING WHAT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE CITY STUDENTS ATTENDING THE ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH COMPONENTS OF VICTORIA SCHOOL ARE DRAWN FROM AND THE NUMBERS INVOLVED.

Appendix II and III provides the specific number of students per neighbourhood regarding the geographic distribution of the elementary and junior high students attending Victoria School on September 30, 2000. (R. Craig, 429-8399)

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APPENDIX I – Community Access Program Registration Form

APPENDIX II – Neighbourhoods in which Elementary Students who Attend Victoria live

APPENDIX III – Neighbourhoods in which Junior High Students who Attend Victoria live