



Summary of Board Meeting #7 Tuesday, February 14, 2006

A. **O Canada** – District Video.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:05 p.m.) – Trustees Fleming and Hansen were absent.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

1. The board chair expressed condolences on behalf of the board to Trustee Hansen for the loss of a family member.
2. The board chair advised that 438 staff members will be recognized by the board at the Long Service Reception to be held Thursday, February 23, 2006. Of the 438 staff, there will be:
 - 188 staff members recognized for 25 years of service;
 - 132 staff members recognized for 30 years of service;
 - 102 staff members recognized for 35 years of service;
 - 15 staff members recognized for 40 years of service; and
 - 1 staff member recognized for 45 years of service.

The staff presentations will be held in the Eva O. Howard Theatre, Victoria School, with a reception to follow in the Centre for Education Atrium.

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

The acting superintendent advised that he had attended the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding Ceremony this afternoon between the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science and Alberta Education. This is a continuation of the agreement signed in 1998. He noted that Alberta is only one to have such an agreement with the Government of Spain. He also added that Escuela Mill Creek School is the district's Spanish academy. He recognized the curriculum department and programs department for their work in supporting Spanish language instruction in the district.

E. **Minutes:**

1. **Board Meeting #6 – January 31, 2006**

Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

2. Gold Bar School – Focus on Building Blocks of Literacy

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Process and Timeline for 2006-2007 Planning

Approved recommendation.

4. Alberta Education Accountability Pillar

Received for information.

5. AISI Consultation Plan

Received for information.

6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Colburn (re TT#155) requested that the board be provided with an update with respect to the followup indicated for schools that do not provide access to their gymnasiums.

c) Trustee Colburn (re TT#161) requested that information be provided regarding district initiatives to retain students in the French Immersion program moving from junior to senior high.

7. Bereavements

Received with regret.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Gibson reported that he had joined the board chair and Trustee Williams this morning for a breakfast at Centre High celebrating the opening of an Academic Support Centre, the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation with Edmonton Emergency Medical Services, and the kick-off of the Work Safe Alberta Safety Passport Pilot Program. This was followed by a Career Directions 2006 event.

Trustee Gibson congratulated Centre High for the program today. He noted that he had seen numerous examples with the community, post-secondary institutions such as NAIT and NorQuest. He also requested that arrangements be made for Centre High to make a presentation to board regarding challenges they face in meeting the unique programming requirements for their student population.

2. The board chair advised that she had attended the Chinese Bilingual Gala on Saturday with Trustees Hansen, Gibeault and Williams. It was organized by the parent association who are looking at celebrating 25 Years of Chinese Bilingual education in Edmonton Public Schools. Lieutenant Governor Norman Kwong was in attendance.
3. The board chair advised that she had attended the opening of the English Language Learning Centre last Thursday with Trustees Keiver, Colburn, Gibeault and Williams. Lieutenant Governor Norman Kwong was also in attendance for this event.

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 28, 2006 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:05 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.