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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 31, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Svend Hansen

Wendy Keiver
George Nicholson
Don Williams

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Betty Tams

Donna Barrett
Bob Holt
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe
Tanni Parker

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood

Recording Secretary: Manon Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** – *District Video*

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

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair advised that the April 11, 2006 Public Board Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

D Communications from the Acting Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #5– January 17, 2006

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #5 held January 17, 2006 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Keheewin School – Focus on Literacy

MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:

“That the report entitled ‘Keheewin School – Focus on Literacy’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

3. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 17, 2006)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “1. That report #3 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held January 17, 2006 be received and considered.**
- 2. That the following appointment for the period January 30, 2006 to August 31, 2006 be confirmed: Kevin Stevenson – Director, Edmonton Public Schools Metro Continuing Education”**

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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5. Aboriginal Education: Current Context

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Aboriginal Education: Current Context’ be received for information.”

The administration undertook to provide trustees with a map indicating district schools providing Aboriginal programming.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Motion re Aboriginal Education Task Force

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the board create a Task Force to study the issue of Aboriginal Education and that the Community Relations Committee provide the board with recommendations as to composition and parameters of this Task Force by no later than February 28, 2006.”

The board chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Gibeault, Gibson and Keiver

OPPOSED: Trustees Fleming, Hansen, Nicholson and Williams

The Motion was CARRIED.

6. District Priorities 2005-2008

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the *District Priorities 2005-2008* be reaffirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

7. Response to the Victoria School Building Advocacy Group

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to the Victoria School Building Advocacy Group’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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8. Alternative Programs: Overview

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Alternative Programs: Overview’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

9. Edmonton Student Health Initiative Partnership (ESHIP)

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

“That the report entitled ‘Edmonton Student Health Initiative Partnership (ESHIP)’ be received for information.”

Trustee Gibeault referred to the graph on page one of the report and asked that information be provided as to whether the level of speech and language services children received through ESHIP fully met their needs.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. New Locations for District Programs for 2006-2007

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘New Locations for District Programs for 2006-2007’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

11. Responses to Trustee Request for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Keiver:

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

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

- **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Fleming noted that he, and Trustees Esslinger and Keiver had attended the Alberta Education Accountability session last Thursday. Representatives from Alberta Education commended Gloria Chalmers, Karen Bardy and Anne Mulgrew for their exemplary work in preparing information for the session.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding the retention of students in the French Immersion Program moving from junior high to senior high.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, February 14, 2006	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

M. Adjournment: (8:15 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Secretary