



Summary of Board Meeting #8 Tuesday, February 24, 2004

- A. **O Canada** – District Video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustee Dean was absent.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman** – None.
- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**
1. Board Meeting #7 – February 10, 2004 - Approved as printed.
- F. **Focus on Student Achievement**
2. D.S. MacKenzie: An Environment for Success - Received for information.
- G. **Reports:**
3. City Centre Education Project (CCEP)
Received for information.
 4. Capital Project Design Reports
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Fleming asked if the cost of replacing the emergency generator at L.Y. Cairns School is included in the modernization budget of \$2.4 million.
 - c) Trustee Woodrow asked what features are being put in place for basement music room modernizations to ensure that the hearing of music teachers is not endangered.
 - d) Trustee Hansen suggested that a letter be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure indicating that the Learning Commission recommendation of a class size of 17 students should be reflected in the province's utilization calculation.

5. Number of Nominators for Trustee Candidate By-law

Approved recommendation.

6. School Year Calendar 2004-2005 and 2005-2006

a) The 2004-2005 school year calendar was approved.

b) The 2005-2006 school year calendar was referred to the administration for further consideration with respect to the scheduling of the Winter Recess.

7. Alberta SuperNet

Received for information.

8. The Balanced Literacy Program in Edmonton Public Schools

Received for information.

9. Review of District's Music Enrichment Program

Deferred to conference committee.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Gibeault advised that he had attended a function on behalf of the board to meet a delegation from Germany at Harry Ainlay School today. He provided information from the delegation to the Board Secretary.

2. Trustee Martin advised that Spruce Avenue School would celebrate its 75th Anniversary on March 1, 2004.

3. Trustee Woodrow advised that she had attended a kick off event for the City of the Future at Parkview School today. The Project is sponsored by the University for Grade 8 students. There will be a large event at the Butterdome in May and trustees will be invited to participate.

4. Trustee Woodrow advised that she had attended the MLA luncheon hosted by ASBA Zone 23 on February 20, 2004.

5. Trustee Odynski advised that she had attended the launch of a website for Ukrainian Bilingual instruction. This project is being sponsored by the University of Alberta, the Province of Alberta and the Federal Government.

6. Trustee Fleming advised that he had attended as the board's representative on the ASBA Board of Directors the Western CSBA Conference.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Odynski requested a copy of the report "Beyond An Apple a Day" referred to in Edmonton Journal on February 16, 2004.
2. Trustee Martin referred to a survey from CUPE Local 474 which indicates that 43% of custodial staff do not have access to e-mail and the internet. He asked what can be done to allow all custodians to have access to e-mail and the internet.
3. Trustee Woodrow referred to the supplement that was in the Edmonton Journal over the weekend regarding the choices available to students. She asked why music enrichment wasn't referred to in the supplement and why these major opportunities for promotion are not being pursued.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting Date: March 9, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.