



Summary of Board Meeting #5 Tuesday, January 13, 2004

A. **O Canada** – District Video.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustee Martin was absent.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman welcomed everyone back after the winter break.

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

The superintendent introduced Mr. David Cowie, who is an exchange principal at Baturyn School for the next year. Mr. Cowie is from New South Wales, Australia.

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #4 – December 9, 2003 – approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Scott Robertson School: A Place to Shine

Received for information.

G. **Recognition:**

3. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

Received for information.

H. **Reports:**

4. Trustee Electoral Ward Boundary Review

Received for information.

5. Motion Re Trustee Electoral Ward Boundary Criteria

The recommendation was defeated.

6. Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AIS) Monitoring Information: Initial Three-Year Cycle Results
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Nicholson expressed an interest in seeing the data which has been collected regarding the results of full-day kindergarten.

7. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2004-2005 Budget:
 - Edmonton Public Teachers
 - CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)
 - a) Received verbal presentations for information.
 - b) Copies of the presentations were provided to the board secretary.
 - c) Presentations by CUPE Local 474 (custodial staff), CUPE Local 784 (maintenance staff) and Exempt Staff will be heard at the January 27, 2004 board meeting.
 - d) A response to the staff group representative presentations will be prepared for the February 10, 2004 board meeting. Following this, the presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2004-2005 school year.

8. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2003 to November 30, 2003
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Bonko requested that a report be provided regarding the proactive practices being used in the district with respect to security.
 - c) Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding the ongoing increase in elementary suspensions.
 - d) Trustee Fleming requested that information be provided regarding the district's policy on compassionate leave.

9. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

- I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.
- Community Relations Activities – None.

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Bonko requested that information be provided regarding the completion rates for district ESL students over last three years.
2. Trustee Woodrow requested that a report be provided regarding the number of sick days employees are taking compared to previous years, how this information is tracked, and what can be done to encourage a good balance between work and “play”.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Meeting Date: January 27, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.