



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Summary of Board Meeting #6 Held Tuesday, January 29, 2008

A. O Canada:  (6:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: All trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair: None.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools: None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #5 – January 15, 2008
 - a) Trustee Huff noted on page 7 of the minutes that she had visited Mayfield School (not Meadowlark School) in December.
 - b) Approved as amended.

F. Improving Student Achievement:

2. Improving Student Achievement Through the Outreach Programs
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Gibson suggested the administration develop communications pieces to advertise the kinds of learning opportunities available through Outreach Programs.

G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

3. Delegation re Horse Hill School

Received verbal report for information.

4. Annual Implementation Plan 2007-08 – Outcomes and Recommendations

a) The board heard from the following speakers:

Horse Hill School

Jackie Clark
Darla Kinniburgh
MLA Dan Backs
Todd Molineaux

Ritchie School

Christine Twardzik
Mary-Kay Day

Woodcroft School

Laurie Simpson
Dwight McClelland
MLA Bruce Miller
Sonya Chudyk
Arlene Huhn
Patricia Grell
Darrel Lucas
Shauna Wilson

- b) Trustee Huff requested that information be provided regarding the impact of having leased space included in the provincial utilization rate on the viability of Coronation School.
- c) The following recommendation was approved: That the Sustainability of Coronation School be reviewed should Annual Implementation benchmarks not be achieved by September 1, 2010.
- d) The following recommendation was approved: That the Sustainability of Grovenor School be reviewed should Annual Implementation benchmarks not be achieved by September 1, 2010.
- e) The following recommendation was approved: That the Sustainability of Horse Hill School be reviewed should Annual Implementation benchmarks not be achieved by September 1, 2010.
- f) The following recommendation was approved. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of Ritchie School.
- g) Trustee Colburn requested that a formal response be provided to Mr. Dwight McClelland clarifying the requirements of School Closure Regulation 238/97 Section (4)(1)(b) regarding the commencement of consideration for closure.

h) The following recommendation was approved: That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and Board mandated processes to consider the closure of Woodcroft School.

5. Aboriginal Education Policy and Regulation: Implementation Plan

This item was deferred to the February 12, 2008 board meeting.

6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

7. Bereavement

Received with regret.

H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

• Other Trustee Reports:

1. Trustee Ripley advised that she and Trustee Fleming had attended the ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting on Friday, January 25, 2008. The Zone 23 reps were requested to find out the views of their respective boards regarding the proposed funding increase for private schools.

She also noted that the severe disabilities funding review was discussed and she commended the efforts of district special needs staff in the review.

2. Trustee Huff reported that she had attended Lego Robotics Competition on January 26, 2008. Councillor Kim Krushell and three Catholic trustees were also in attendance. The winner of the competition will go to Atlanta. She noted that the competitors were predominately Catholic school students. She suggested that the coordinator might want to make presentation to board about increasing district student participation.
3. Trustee Esslinger advised that she had attended the Shifting into Wellness Symposium hosted by Minister David Hancock.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

1. Ms Biesiegel noted that the boundaries of the Horse Hill Community includes Brintnell and Pilot Sound.

Ms Skolski clarified that the district's attendance boundaries are different from those of community boundaries.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding how individuals are selected for the school closure debriefing process.
2. Trustees Gibson and Fleming requested that the administration review the survey that was developed for the last provincial election to increase candidate awareness of educational issues.
3. Trustee Huff asked that information be provided with respect to how PO&M funds will be allocated for the ASAP schools given the 30 year maintenance deal.
4. Trustee Fleming requested clarification as to whether P3 schools would include only the building envelope leaving the district responsible for such things as furnishings, plumbing, electrical, etc.

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Esslinger served notice of the following motion:

That the Board establish a district-level foundation as outlined in the April 10, 2007 recommendation report. In addition, that administration prepare a revised recommendation report clearly outlining the recommended model.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 10:55 p.m.