



Board Meeting #6
Held Tuesday, January 30, 2007

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

B. Roll Call: All trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

1. The board chair advised that the district has begun the process to consider the closure of High Park, Mill Creek and Newton schools, and the closure of the regular program at Mount Pleasant School. Public consultation meetings have been scheduled from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on:

- Monday, February 5th at High Park School
- Wednesday, February 7th at Mill Creek School
- Monday, February 12th at Newton School and
- Thursday, February 15th Mount Pleasant School

If a parent or a member of the public cannot attend the public meeting in their area, we ask that they share their input in written submissions. All nine trustees will have access to the input provided at the public meetings and from any written submissions. The district website (www.epsb.ca) provides information regarding the proposed school closures and there is a link available on the site for providing e-comments.

The board will consider the outcomes and recommendations from the public consultation meetings at a special board meeting to be held Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Trustee Esslinger noted it was Trustee Keiver’s birthday.

D. Communications from the Acting Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #5 – January 16, 2007 – Approved with correction on page 7.

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Riverbend School: A School in the “Using Assessment to Enhance Student Learning and Success” AISI Project

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Policy HCA.BP – Approval of School Year Calendar
 - a) Approved first and second consideration.
 - b) The policy will be brought to the February 13, 2007 board meeting for third consideration and final approval.
4. School Year Calendar 2008-09
 - a) Approved recommendation.
 - b) Trustee Nicholson noted that the concern about Alberta Education scheduling diploma exams being written so late in June is also shared by other Alberta school jurisdictions and suggested bringing this issue to the ASBA to take to the province.
5. Community Engagement
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Gibson suggested that messages be developed from the information regarding community engagement for trustees to use in advocating for public education.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Fleming noted that he had attended the ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting on Friday, January 26, 2007. It was mentioned that Alberta Education has a CD it is providing to school jurisdictions across the province regarding the great value of second language learning. Stuart Wachowicz is quoted on the back of the CD and once again brings acknowledgement to the district for its work in this area.

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 Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.