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- Board Meeting #5 -

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 17, 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

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 – None.

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

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #4 – December 13, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #4 held December 13, 2005 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Crestwood School – Focus on Critical Thinking

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

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

G. Reports:

3. Report #2 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 10, 2006)

Trustee Hansen left at this point in the meeting due to a possible conflict of interest.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“1. That report #1 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held January 10, 2006 be received and considered.”

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“2. That the following principal designations to the district effective September 1, 2006 be confirmed:

**Laurie Barnstable
Mike Beaudoin
Bryan Evans
Frances Kroeker
Kathy McCabe**

**Crystal Mills
Marsha Nelson
Darrell Robertson
Noella Steinhauer”**

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Trustee Hansen returned at this point in the meeting.

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

- “3. That a letter from the board chair to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation outlining a revised design approach for Victoria School be confirmed.”**

Trustee Gibson noted that information on the new design approach is outlined in agenda item G.7.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

4. Recognition of Service

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

- “That Revised Board Policy GLB.BP adding recognition for staff with thirty-five (35) years of service and recognition at five-year intervals thereafter be approved.”**

Trustee Hansen suggested that the administration retroactively recognize staff with more than 35 years of service.

The administration undertook to do so.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

5. French Language Renewal Project

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “That the report entitled ‘French Language Renewal Project’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Hansen requested that information be provided regarding the retention rate of students in grade 6 French Immersion continuing on with the program.

Trustee Gibeault requested information on the amount of Federal support and types of grants for French Language Renewal so that this could be shared with new members of Parliament in terms of expressing our appreciation for receiving this support.

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The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a short break at this time.

6. Presentation by Victoria School Building Advocacy Group

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Presentation by Victoria School Building Advocacy Group’ be received for information.”

Ms Antoinette Mongillo, a member of the Victoria School Building Advocacy Group, made a presentation to the board on the status report on the condition of Victoria School from the eyes of parents and some suggestions regarding its future maintenance.

The administration undertook to provide an information report to board at the next public board meeting regarding the steps that have been taken with respect to concerns raised in the presentation by the Victoria School Building Advocacy Group.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. Victoria School Revitalization Project

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Victoria School Revitalization Project’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. Community Access to Schools Consultation Group Findings Report

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Community Access to Schools Consultation Group Findings Report’ be received for information.”

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Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided regarding a list of schools that do not provide community access and the reasons why.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. Joint Use Agreement Review Consultation

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘Joint Use Agreement Review Consultation’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2005 to November 30, 2005

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2005 to November 30, 2005’ be received for information.”

Trustee Gibeault requested information on how the district’s expulsion rate compares to other boards.

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.”

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Nicholson

The Motion was CARRIED.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was 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.”

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Trustee Colburn re TT#145 requested that the Executive Summary of the report: Learning Connection: The Value of Improving Nutrition and Physical Activity in Our Schools be shared with principals.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. Bereavements

The board vice-chair reported on the deaths of Danny Yakemchuk, a member of the district's maintenance staff and Joan Anderson, a member of the support staff.

MOVED BY Board Vice-Chair Gibeault:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities – None.**

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Kathryn Burke, on behalf of the King Edward Elementary School Council, advised the board that the school council would be making an application to the City for school zone signage. She urged the board to engage in dialogue for a more coordinated approach for district-wide school zone speed limits.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Keiver referred to the November 8, 2005 board report [Response to Delegation from the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations \(NAARR\)](#) and asked what the district's experience has been or what is the feasibility of offering a course, perhaps at the senior high level, exploring aspects of major world cultures and religions. Are there examples of this type of course being offered in other Alberta school districts?

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K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

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.

L. Meeting Dates:

| DATE | MEETING | COMMENCEMENT TIME |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| January 31, 2006 | Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |

M. Adjournment: (9:20 p.m.)

The chairman adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Secretary