



Summary of Board Meeting #5 Held Tuesday, January 11, 2011

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

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that, on January 16, 2011, Board Chairs, Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers from across Alberta will be provided with an update from the ASBA regarding the status of the tripartite discussions with the Province.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

- 1. The Superintendent advised that, this morning, he attended the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation ONEdmonton Leaders Forum and highlighted the high quality education system in the city. Public education in Edmonton is one of the positive reasons for living here. The message was well received from those in attendance.
- The Superintendent advised that, last night, Assistant Superintendent Parker and himself attended a meeting of the Education Society of Edmonton where Ms Parker presented information regarding the K-12 Literacy Framework. The presentation was well received.

E. Minutes:

1. <u>Board Meeting #4 – December 14, 2010</u> – Approved as printed.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

The following people spoke regarding WiFi:

Ms Angela Halwa Ms Dimitria Fields
Ms Carmelle Boston Ms Brinda Narayan
Ms Gina Shimoda Mr. Bill Fraser

Mr. Raymond Merhej

G. Reports

2. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held December 7 and 14, 2010 and January 4, 2011)

Approved recommendation.

3. Motion re In-Camera Meetings

The following amended motion was approved: That the Board examine its meeting practices and policies with the view to reducing in-camera discussions, increase transparency of decision making and improving Board governance.

4. Board Authorization of Trustee Absence

Approved recommendation.

5. Declaration of Surplus Schools

- a) Approved Recommendation #1
- b) Approved the following deferral motion: That the Board defer making a decision on Recommendations 2, 3, and 4 (with respect the declaration of Prince Rupert, Ritchie and Wellington schools as surplus to district need) until the board meeting and that, in the interim, community league presidents in which the schools exist as well as the President of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) be sent the Administration's recommendation and asked to provide a response by the next public board meeting.

6. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

7. <u>Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports</u> – None.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

SEE TT#54 and #55.

I. Notices of Motion

Trustee Ripley served notice of the following motion:

That Edmonton Public Schools continue the practice of relying on Health Canada and the World Health Organization safety standards to guide its decisions on the installation and use of WiFi in all its buildings with the understanding that the Administration will keep the Board informed should there be any changes to the standards.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

K. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM BOARD MEETING #5 HELD JANUARY 11, 2011		
TT#	N1 11, 2011	Trustee
54.	Provide information on the benefits and drawbacks, including any financial implications, to moving public board meetings from evenings to daytime.	Ken Shipka
55.	Provide information regarding the raw numbers and the percentages of the district staff – broken down by teacher, custodial, administrative, support staff and exempt staff who leave the District prior to the five year mark as well as the ten year mark.	Sarah Hoffman
	Also, provide information regarding the feasibility and costs associated with various methods that may be conducted for exit interviews as well as an examination of what is happening in other jurisdictions in terms of exit interviews with the intent of determining if there are themes or root causes for early departures.	