



## **Summary of Board Meeting #9 Tuesday, March 9, 2004**

- A. **O Canada** – *Kildare Recorder Club*.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustees Fleming, Nicholson, Odynski and Woodrow were absent.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman** – None.
- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**
1. Board Meeting #8 – February 24, 2004 - Approved as printed.
- F. **Focus on Student Achievement**
2. Kildare School: The Three R's – Reading, Respect, Responsibility  
Received for information.
- G. **Recognition:**
3. National Recognition Award from Canadian Association for Community Living  
Received for information.
- H. **Reports:**
4. Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 2, 2004)
    - a) Confirmed recommendation regarding change in budget timelines.
    - b) Trustee Bonko reported that Alberta Learning has advised that information regarding the 2004-2005 budget will be released in two stages. The clarification on the impact of the new Funding Framework and the provincial budget speech at the end of March will contain information that will impact the 2004-2005 budget. Delaying the entire budget process will provide the administration with the information required to calculate the school allocations and prevent the need to revise the plans at both schools and central decision units.

5. Review of District's Music Enrichment Program
  - a) Received for information.
  - b) Trustee Dean requested that information be provided on the number of students in the strings program taking private music lessons.
  - c) Trustee Dean requested that information be provided on whether any consideration has been given to a combined district orchestra similar to the choral enrichment program.
6. ASBA Emergent Directive for Action – Math Transitions 101

Approved recommendation.
7. Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the Conduct of the 2004 School Board Election

Approved recommendation.
8. School Year Calendar 2005-2006

Approved recommendation.
9. Healthy Interactions Pilot Project

Received for information.

**I. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

**• Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Hansen advised that he had attended a campaign launch for the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations at W.P. Wagner School yesterday. The United Nations has declared March 21<sup>st</sup> as the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination. He noted that the Drama 20 students at W.P. Wagner gave a very moving presentation of the kinds of discrimination occurring worldwide.

Trustee Hansen requested that district schools be advised that March 21<sup>st</sup> is the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination.

The superintendent advised that Communications would prepare information for the schools regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

2. Trustee Dean advised that he had attended seminars on Monday and Tuesday sponsored by the ASBA on Drug Abuse and Character Education. He expressed concern that the information provided indicates that Edmonton is on the verge of an epidemic of Crystal Meth abuse.

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

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Bonko expressed concern with the lack of elementary French programs. He asked whether there were any plans to have French programs in the northwest end of the city.

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

**M. Next Meeting Date: March 23, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

**N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.**