

Summary of Board Meeting #10 Tuesday, March 21, 2000

- **A. O Canada** Students from McDougall School sang O Canada.
- **B.** Roll Call: (6:00 p.m.) Trustee Fleming was absent.

C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman asked the superintendent to provide an update regarding media reports with respect to crack cocaine usage in district schools.

D. <u>Communications from the Superintendent of Schools</u>

Dr. Dosdall advised that Dr. Louis Pagliaro was contacted and asked to provide empirical data he had collected with respect to his study. Dr. Pagliaro indicated that no report had been prepared and the information he had was anecdotal.

Dr. Dosdall indicated that the following individuals had been contacted with respect to this matter to provide data:

- 16 high school principals
- Chief of Police
- School Resource Officers
- Marilyn Mitchell, AADAC

The data does not indicate that there have been any crack-related incidences reported in district schools. Further, district data with respect to student expulsions for district high schools and junior high schools for drug related matters did not involve crack.

Dr. Dosdall concluded by saying that the district is willing to look at any hard data that would indicate a problem in this area.

E. Minutes:

1. <u>Board Meeting #9 – March 7, 2000</u> - Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

2. <u>McDougall School: Early Language Development Project</u>

Received for information.

G. Recognitions:

3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

Received for information.

H. Reports:

4. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 14, 2000)

Approved recommendation re principal designations.

5. <u>Motion re Transportation Policy</u>

Deferred until such time as the reports on student transportation are brought to board.

6. Donnan School – Altered Year Policy

Approved recommendation.

7. Revision to Board Policy HK.BP – Student Achievement and Growth

Approved recommendation.

8. <u>Revisions to Administrative Regulation HK.AR – Communicating Student</u>
Achievement and Growth

Received for information.

9. <u>Budget Review – Superintendent's Area</u>

Received for information.

10. Extent of Extra Curricular Activities

Received for information.

11. <u>Leasing Summary for 1999-2000</u>

Received for information.

12. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

- I. Committee and Board Representative Reports None.
 - Community Relations Activities None.
- J. <u>Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives</u> None.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

- 1. Trustee Bonko requested that information be provided regarding what geographic areas students attending Queen Elizabeth School are drawn from and the numbers involved.
- 2. Trustee Hansen requested the following with respect to programs of choice:
 - A report identifying those programs of choice in which there does not appear to be sufficient support or enrolment to make them self-sustaining
 - Historical data on the self-sufficiency of any such programs
 - Information as to how the district has historically dealt with programs of choice which have not been self-sustaining.
- **L. Notices of Motion** None.

M. Meeting Dates:

| Date | Time | Meeting Type |
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| April 11, 2000 | 6:00 p.m. | Board |

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.