



**Summary of Board Meeting #12
Held Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

A. O Canada:  (2:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

- At the February 28, 2012 board meeting I served notice of motion regarding the establishment of a student advisory council, that motion will be dealt with at the April 10, 2012 board meeting.
- I am pleased to note that March 8th was the 101st Anniversary of International Women’s Day. The day was created as an opportunity to recognize women around the world for their political, economic, and social achievements. I would add my own congratulations to all of the women working for our school district, who make vital contributions to student learning, the work of public education and the success of Edmonton Public Schools
- The Alberta Teachers’ Association Provincial Executive Council has proclaimed March 12th to 16th as Substitute Teachers’ Appreciation Week for the 2011-2012 school year. Substitute teachers play an essential role in maintaining the continuity and excellence of the learning process. The role of the substitute teacher carries the same daily responsibilities of instruction, marking, discipline and supervision as that of regular classroom teachers.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

- March 21st is the Annual United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Racial and ethnic discrimination occur on a daily basis, hindering progress for millions of people around the world. Racism and intolerance can take various forms – from denying individuals the basic principles of equality to fuelling ethnic hatred that may lead to genocide – all of which can destroy lives and fracture communities.

The first article of the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”. The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination reminds us of our collective responsibility for promoting and protecting this ideal.

- The Board Chair advised he had visited City Hall School on March 7, 2012. He appreciated the opportunity to visit the school and was impressed by the interactive learning environment that inspires social responsibility and citizenship. He encouraged Trustees to visit City Hall School as well as the upcoming Citizenship Day that will take place at the school in June.
- The Board Chair advised that the Community Relations Committee has been engaged with school tours during the past week. The tours provide an invaluable opportunity for Trustees to engage in open-ended conversations with staff. Trustees are impressed by the constant passion, intelligence and commitment displayed by staff. The Board Chair encourages Trustees to attend an upcoming school tour.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

- Mr. Chair, I am pleased to share with the Board that yesterday, March 12, the District hosted the Minister of Education of Singapore in two District Schools. Our Minister of Education, Minister Lukaszak along with the Minister from Singapore visited Lillian Osborne High School and West Edmonton Christian School. The delegation was examining ways schools engage parents and the community in their ongoing work. Mr. Chair, I was pleased that the Ward Trustees, Ripley and Spencer were able to participate in the visit, as well as Assistant Superintendents Liguori and Coggles. The Board Chair joined the delegation for a luncheon prior to the visits. This is a proud moment for our schools and for the District as we shared our knowledge, expertise and hospitality with our guests.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

- Recently, the Grade 1 students from Westbrook School walked to Harry Ainlay with their teachers and parent volunteers. Harry Ainlay is the designated high school in that area and where many of them will be attending someday. Grade 12 leadership students at Harry Ainlay took the Grade 1's on a tour of the school following the school's timetable including visits to classrooms and the school's welding shop. The purpose of the visit is to introduce the children to their future and give them a sense of what they have to look forward to. This is one of the direct benefits of our School Catchment structure as knowledge and expertise is shared between and among schools.
- McKernan School is excited to be the starting point for the Edmonton portion of the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay on Wednesday, March 14. The relay, which began last August in Newfoundland, celebrates people who have made a difference in the lives of others; the progress communities have made in the area of accessibility; and the 25th Anniversary of Rick Hansen's original Man in Motion World Tour. McKernan's Relay Celebration begins at 9 a.m. and includes a message from Rick Hansen and the ceremonial transfer of the Rick Hansen Medal to McKernan student, Rachel Tyzuk. Five other district schools are also on the official relay route, including: Queen Alexandra, Victoria, Westmount, J. Percy Page and Kameyosek. In addition, Elder Francis Whiskeyjack, along with two students from Amiskwaciy Academy, will escort the medal when it makes a stop at the Aboriginal Memorial at the Fort Edmonton Cemetery. The 25th Anniversary Relay is being completed with the help of 7,000 Canadians from coast to coast. The relay will have travelled 12,000 kilometers through 600 communities when it finally concludes in Vancouver on May 22.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #11 – February 28, 2012
 - a) Approved as printed.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

- Mr. Grant Shaigec, Vice-Chair, Johnny Bright School Council, advised that Ward H is the most populous ward and yet has the fewest number of schools. Parents are concerned that with many new homes being built and young families moving into the community, the school will be at a breaking point in the very near future.
- Lisa Nordin, advised that Johnny Bright School has exceeded her expectations as a parent. With the school's classrooms at capacity and many young families in the neighbourhood, Ms Nordin spoke on behalf of new school construction staying a priority.
- Ms Shauna MacDonald expressed concern regarding the lunch program at her child's school. Because Ms MacDonald's comments would have named specific staff members, the Board Chair asked Ms. MacDonald to put her concerns in writing; the Board Chair committed to responding to those concerns.

G. Recognition

2. Edwin Parr Teacher Award
 - a) Received for information
 - b) Ms Lisa Mol, Parkview School, was named the District's Nominee for the Edwin Parr Award.

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3. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting, Held March 6, 2012)
(Recommendation Report)
 - a) Recommendation #1 - Approved
 - b) Recommendation #2 - Approved

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- c) Recommendation #3 – Approved with the following amendment:
“That the Board request a professional development session be added to the next possible Public School Boards’ Council (PSBC) meeting agenda on a topic related to ‘sexual and gender minority inclusion within public education’; and that this session include a youth panel.”
 - d) Recommendation #4 - Approved
 - e) Recommendation #5 – Approved with the following instruction:
Administration to use most appropriate wording (re: rurban board vs. small urban board) when following up on recommendation.
 - f) Recommendation #6 – Approved
 - g) Recommendation #7 – Approved
 - h) Recommendation #8 - Defeated
4. Motion Re: Twenty-Year Infrastructure Plan
(Recommendation Report)
- a) The following amended motion was approved:
“Building on the Elevate Report recommendations, that administration review and update the 10-Year Facilities Plan in conjunction with communities, other levels of government and school boards, to support excellent K-12 education, enrich life-long learning opportunities and provide supports for children and families, and which may include renewal of existing facilities, modernizations, consolidations, replacement schools, cross-district partnerships, expansions, right-sizing and new school construction. The plan should demonstrate our District’s commitment to offering choice for families and reflect the new vision and mission.”
- 7 District Three-Year Capital Plan 2013 - 2016
(Recommendation Report)

Recommendation was approved.

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5. Motion Re: Development of Active Transportation Plan for All Schools (Recommendation Report)
 - a) Trustee Janz provided a handout to support his motion.
 - b) Motion was amended as follows:
“In alignment with District Priority 4 (promote health and wellness for all students and staff) the administration shall provide information on the feasibility, over the next three years, of the District developing active transportation plans for all schools to support safe and healthy transportation options for students.”

6. Motion Re: Plan for District Space Post Moratorium Committee
 - a) Motion deferred to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting

8. High School Modified Calendar Analysis
(Response to Trustee Request #150)
 - a) Motion deferred to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting

9. Map of Schools That Have Reached or Surpassed Their Capacity
(Response to Trustee Request #155)
 - a) Motion deferred to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting

10. JUA Report
(Response to Trustee Request #161)
 - a) Motion deferred to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting

11. Financial Literacy Education – Feasibility Report
(Response to Trustee Request #163)
 - a) Motion deferred to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting

12. Federal and Provincial Funding for ELL

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(Response to Trustee Request #164)

a) Motion deferred to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting

13 2012 New School Openings

(Response to Trustee Request #171)

a) Motion deferred to April 10, 2012 Board Meeting

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

This information will be included in the minutes of the March 13, 2012 board meeting.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

- None

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Cleary requested the following information:

A brief report indicating the feasibility of offering a Mandarin Bilingual Program at Lillian Osborne High School, including details of what enrolment would be required, process and possible timeline for implementation as an alternative program, should the criteria be met.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

“That the Board advocate to the Minister of Education that financial literacy be integrated into the Alberta curriculum from K to 12 as soon as possible and that funding be provided to school boards to support professional development for teachers and other educators involved in financial literacy instruction.”

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

N. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 7:05 pm