

Summary of Board Meeting #14
Tuesday, May 23, 2000

- A. **O Canada** – District video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that a request had been received to change the order of the agenda. The agenda order was changed as follows: Items 4, 6, 5, 8, 9, 7.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

1. Introduced Paul Kilvert, Terry Sizer, Bev Rogers and Glenda McCallum who are part of an eight-member delegation from South Australia. The purpose of the study visit is to investigate and identify how the experience of Edmonton Public Schools in local school management might inform the progress of Partnerships 21 in South Australia. Trustees will have an opportunity to talk to the delegation on May 31, 2000.
2. Advised that the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry, announced today \$10 million in funding support for 10 innovative learning projects one of which includes LearnCanada an on-line learning resources initiative which will allow educators to work collaboratively across Canada. Karen Andrews from J. Percy Page School is representing the district in this project.

E. **Minutes:**

1. **Board Meeting #13 – May 9, 2000**

Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. **Capilano School: Student Achievement in the ALPHA (Dependent Handicapped) Program**

Received for information.

G. Recognitions:

3. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Kathryn Lennon
Received for information.

H. Reports:

4. Report #16 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 9, 2000)
Approved recommendation re principal designation.
6. Millwoods Christian School Alternative Program
Approved recommendation.
5. Motion Regarding Transportation Policy
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Defeated motion.
8. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Spanish Language and Culture
Approved recommendation.
9. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses, Senior High
Approved recommendation.
7. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – German Language Arts
Approved recommendation.
10. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses, Junior High
Approved recommendation.
11. Response to “A Vision and Agenda for Public Education”
Approved recommendation.

12. Edmonton Public Schools' *Three-Year Education Plan 2000-2003*
 - a) Approved recommendation.
 - b) Trustee Gibeault suggested using the document as a discussion item with key communicators.
13. School Year Calendar 2004-2005

Approved recommendation.
14. General Banking and Borrowing Resolutions

Approved recommendation.
15. Leadership in Languages: Leadership Development Project

Received for information.
16. District Brochure and Booklet re: Discrimination and Harassment

Received for information.
17. Prior Level of Achievement Test Results

Received for information.
18. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Gibeault requested that the administration contact the University of Alberta, other public sector education bodies in the province and the Alberta Research Council and perhaps the ASEBP to have them indicate why they designate themselves as Equal Opportunity Employers and that the administration analyze this information to determine whether there is any application for us as an employer.
19. Bereavements

Received with regret.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Melnychuk advised that the Provincial Student Leadership Conference being co-hosted this year by Victoria and Eastglen Schools will be held May 28 to 30th. To date 500 student leaders from across the province have registered along with 100 advisors. She will be bringing greetings on behalf of the board. She has been a member of the planning committee and commended the high school students on the committee for their efforts.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, with the unanimous support of the Local's Executive, expressed disappointment with the board's decision regarding Millwoods Christian School. All members of the Local's Executive expressed disapproval of the over-riding mission statements of the school. He noted, on page 15 of the report with respect to the school's mission, that there is not one reference to the academic aspects of the students' lives--the entire emphasis is on the Christian element.

He referred to the letter from the provincial Alberta Teachers Association with respect to their position on making reasonable choices. On behalf of the executive, he respectfully suggested that the board re-examine its belief statement that this district is a district of choice.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Bonko requested information on who determines the required amount of time devoted to studies for home schoolers. Are there guidelines similar to the way schools are governed?
2. Trustee Bonko requested that the same information be provided for Ross Sheppard and M.E. LaZerte Schools as was provided for Queen Elizabeth School – which geographic areas of the city do the students come from and their numbers to make up the overall populations for those schools.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Meeting Type
June 20, 2000	6:00 p.m.	Board

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.