



**Summary of Board Meeting #11
Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

A. **O Canada** – District Video.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that six district teachers were presented with 2006 Excellence in Teaching Awards at a gala hosted by Alberta Education on May 6 in Calgary. A total of 23 Alberta teachers received an Excellence in Teaching Award. These recipients were chosen from 446 nominees from across Alberta. She congratulated the following district recipients on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

- Scott Bezubiak, Ross Sheppard
- Shou-Lan Cheng, Londonderry
- Maureen Cimino, Jasper Place
- Howard Molstad, Ottewell
- Raffaella Montemurro, Virginia Park
- Deb Stirret, Ross Sheppard

D. **Communications from the Acting Superintendent of Schools** – None.

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #10 – April 25, 2006

Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Rundle School – Focus on Building Background Knowledge

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 25 and May 2, 2006)

Approved recommendations re:

- Principal designations
- Custodial negotiations
- Maintenance negotiations

4. Locally Developed Courses – Curriculum Additions, Renewals and Deletions

Approved recommendation.

5. Student Transportation Carrier Contracts 2006-2009

Received for information.

6. 2004-2005 District High School Completion Rates

Received for information.

7. Programming for At-Risk High School Students

Received for information.

8. Introduction of the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget

Received for information.

9. Leasing Summary for 2005 – 2006

Received for information.

10. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• Community Relations Activities

1. Trustee Keiver advised that she had attended the Alberta Home and School Councils' Conference and Annual General Meeting April 28 to 30, 2006. There were approximately 80 parents present. She advised that Cheryl Johner, a parent from Dickinsfield and Lago Lindo Schools, had been elected as the Edmonton Urban Public Regional Director.
2. Trustee Colburn advised that he had accompanied 100 staff, parents and students from Victoria to attend the Bloomsday Race in Spokane, Washington. He commended Principal Ingrid Neitsch and Department Head Ray Jorgensen for their leadership in supporting this event over the past 7 years. He noted that participants from Ross Sheppard and Jasper Place also took part in the race.
3. Trustee Esslinger advised that she had attended the Second Annual *Music Monday* on May 1, 2006 at Victoria School which is a celebration to promote and encourage music education in Canada. Thirty-five of the district's elementary, junior and senior high schools took part in the event which included a videoconference with the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and a school from Jonquiere, Quebec. At the end, students from 1000 schools across the country sang the song "A Little Music". She congratulated the organizers of this event.
4. Trustee Esslinger advised that she and the superintendent had attended the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement today between McCauley School and Edmonton Public Libraries.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting Date: May 23, 2006 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.