


**A. Roll Call: (6:00 p.m.)** All Trustees were present.

**B. O Canada:**  - *L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy*

**C. Remembrance Ceremony**

1. L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

Received for information

**D. Communications from the Board Chair**

- a. The Board Chair acknowledged Dr. John Lilley, Board Chair, YMCA of Edmonton; Doug Schindel, Vice Chair YMCA of Edmonton; President and CEO Franco Savoia and Joan Baker, Manager of the Y's Enterprise Centre.

Board Chair Fleming advised that he and Superintendent Schmidt had the pleasure of meeting with the leadership group of the YMCA of Edmonton earlier today to extend our decade-old memorandum of understanding for another 10 years. It provided an opportunity to confirm our shared commitment to enhancing the lives of children, youth and families in our community; and, to reflect on the results we achieved together in the areas of child care, out of school care, children's literacy, youth leadership and programs that encourage youth to stay in school, re-engage in school and achieve their personal goals.

We know that for all Edmonton Public students to be successful, it is essential for us to work collaboratively with partners such as the Y to provide the range of supports needed by our families. He thanked the group on behalf of our Board of Trustees for its long-term commitment to children and youth in our community and to partnering with the District.

- b. The Board Chair advised that he attended the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) meetings last week. Following a joint meeting of the Grande Prairie Board of Trustees and the Mayor and Councillors of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie City Council took the following resolution to the floor of the AUMA Annual General Meeting:

*Whereas the Province of Alberta is undertaking a complete rewrite of the School Act; and*

*Whereas the Province of Alberta is gathering public input into education; and*

*Whereas across the province, municipalities feel that locally elected school boards are an integral part of local governance; and*

*Whereas local school boards can best deliver education services through increased authority with natural person powers;*

*Now therefore be it resolved, municipalities strongly support locally elected school boards and request the province ensure in the new education act that:*

- 1. School boards have the authority to responsibly undertake local education priorities and*
- 2. School boards are given natural person powers.*

The motion passed with more than 75% of AUMA delegates in favour.

**E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.**

**F. Minutes:**

2. Board Meeting #4 – October 27, 2009

Approved as printed.

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

**H. Reports**

3. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 3, 2009)

Approved recommendation.

4. Motion re Public Engagement  
Approved recommendation
5. Reaffirmation of District Priorities  
Approved recommendation.
6. Policy Review: JBG.BP – Retention of Records and Objects Moved to CN.BP – Managing District Information  
Approved recommendation.
7. The Early Years: An Overview and Update  
Received for information.
8. Proposed Early Years Policy
  - a) Approved recommendation with the following amendment to the last bullet point on Appendix I, Page 3 of the report:

*“The Board should access educational funding such as early language learning and PUFF funding to provide early years programming that complements community programming and supports the transition to and in the early years of public schooling.”*
9. Policy Review JAB.BP – Formal Delegations, Presentations and Comments to the Board  
Approved recommendation.
10. Aboriginal Education Policy and Regulation Implementation Plan Update: Year Two  
Received for information.
11. Responses to Board Requests for Information  
Received for information.

12. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Huff reported that she had attended a number of events in the district:

- The Official Launch of Instituto Cervantes at IISLE with Board Chair Fleming, Trustee Ripley and Superintendent Schmidt
- The Circle of Courage Presentation by Dr. Martin Brokenleg with Trustee Colburn
- The Parents as Partners School Council Training Session with Trustee Ripley
- The Official Opening of the Aspen Program at Woodside
- The Remembrance Day Ceremony at Westmount School

**I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**

**J. Notices of Motion**

1. Trustee Huff served notice of the following motion:

*That the Board develop a succession plan to ensure a smooth transition for the next Board. This plan may include raising public awareness and interest in running for the position of Trustee, capturing the wisdom of outgoing Trustees, mentoring new Trustees in their first years. The exact terms of the plan would be determined by the Board*

Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

*That the mandate of the Board's District Priorities Committee be expanded to include a review of the District Mission Statement, and that this change take effect following the 2010 election.*

**K. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

**L. Duration of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.