



**Summary of Board Meeting #5
Held Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

A. Roll Call: All trustees were present.

B. O Canada:  (6:00 p.m.)

C. Remembrance Ceremony

1. L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

Received for information.

D. Communications from the Board Chair – None.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that on November 24 and 25, 2008, District staff will be taking part in sessions provided by the International Association for Public Participation. Trustees are welcome to attend.

F. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #4 – October 28, 2008 – Approved as printed.

G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

3. Draft Annual Education Results Report 2007-2008

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Ripley asked whether information regarding the revised policy entitled Respectful Learning and Working Environments has been provided to parents.

4. Partnership Between L' Académie de Rouen and Edmonton Public Schools

Received for information.

5. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports:

6. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 4, 2008)

Approved recommendation.

7. Motion re Parent Engagement

Defeated recommendation.

8. Proposed Terms of Reference and Suggested Process for Trustee Multi-Cultural Task Force

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Ripley suggested feedback and an opportunity to respond be provided to the general public prior to the policy being approved.

9. Policies Bulletin for the 2008 ASFA Fall General Meeting

- a) 1DA/FGM01 – Approved
- 2DA/FGM08 – Approved
- 3DA/FGM08 – Approved
- 4DA/FGM08 – Amended by striking out 'exceptional' – Approved
- 5DA/FGM08 – Approved
- 6P/FGM08 – Approved
- 7DA/FGM08 – Approved
- 8DA/FGM08 – Approved
- 9DA/FGM08 – Approved
- 10DA/FGM08 – Approved
- 11DA/FGM08 – Defeated – recommendation changed to support
- 12DA/FGM08 – Approved

b) Approved the following recommendation: *That the board support in principle the intent of Parkland School Divisions' emergent resolution regarding the safety of students and staff in schools within proximity to a sour gas well.*

I. Other Trustee Reports:

1. Trustee Huff reported that on November 5, 2008, she and Trustee Esslinger attended sessions presented by the Learning Disabilities Assoc. of Alberta – Screening & Early Intervention Programming for Students at Risk for Reading Problems.
2. Trustee Ripley reported that on November 8, 2008, she had attended the CUPE Local 474 Retirement Banquet on behalf of the Board
3. Trustee Colburn reported that he recently attended Healthy School and Communities meetings in Red Deer and Wetaskiwin.
4. Trustee Esslinger reported that she and other Trustees had attended:
 - Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest – Unveiling of Contest Winning Artwork event on October 29, 2008 with Trustee Huff
 - Mental Health Gala on November 5, 2008 with Trustee Ripley
 - Writings on the Wall Conference on November 1, 2008 with Trustees Colburn, Huff, Ripley and Shipka
 - Meeting with Post Secondary and Business Leaders on November 12, 2008 with Trustees Gibson, Huff, Rice and Ripley

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Mark Ramsankar, President, Edmonton Public Teachers, advised that on November 17, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at Barnett House, the Local will be welcoming eighty new teachers to the profession. He extended an invitation to the Board of Trustees and senior administration to attend.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Huff requested information re: the implications of instituting a program for our district similar to that described by the presenter at the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta session: *Screening & Early Intervention Programming for Students at Risk for Reading Problems* that would assist with the early intervention and early identification of children with learning disabilities.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

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