



**Board Meeting #3**  
**Held Tuesday, November 28, 2006**

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**A. O Canada : (6:00 p.m.) – District Video**

**B. Roll Call:** Trustee Colburn was absent.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that the White Ribbon Campaign began Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will run through December 6<sup>th</sup>. The White Ribbon Campaign is intended to make the public aware that violence against women is unacceptable. The board endorsed this campaign in 1996 and urges schools and staff to recognize this initiative. CUPE Local 474 has provided each trustee with a white ribbon.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #2 – November 7, 2006 – Approved as printed.

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Using Assessment to Enhance Student Learning and Success – AISI Project Update
  - a) Received for information.
  - b) Trustee Gibson requested that a copy of the Star Model of Assessment from the PowerPoint presentation from the *Using Assessment to Enhance Student Learning and Success – AISI Project Update* report be provided to trustees.

**G. Reports:**

3. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held October 31, 2006)

Approved recommendation re Aspen View Regional School Division legal challenge.

4. Apprenticeship Training Program

Approved recommendation.

5. Status of Registered Apprenticeship Program

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibson suggested the district to take advantage of the labour information to provide live statistics in the Math curriculum to guide students in career choice.

c) Trustee Gibson suggested that schools be provided with information on scholarships for the RAP and apprenticeship program.

d) Trustee Fleming also agreed with the importance of promoting the trades as a career option with students and urging the reinvigoration of the CTS curriculum.

e) Trustee Nicholson suggested conducting exit interviews with students to address the issue of apprentice attrition.

6. Status Report on Annual Implementation Plan - Sustainability and Program Fit Reviews

a) Received for information.

b) Mr. David Beckman, Vice President of the North Glenora Community League and League Representative of the Coronation School Scenario Development Team, urged the board to delay any decision regarding High Park, Coronation and Grovenor School until December 2007, at which time the other schools in the area will also have had their sustainability reviews.

c) Trustee Gibson requested that trustees be provided Ms Bidulock's introductory comments as well as the PowerPoint presentation regarding the sustainability and program fit reviews.

d) Trustee Gibson suggested that the education programming available to students be highlighted.

e) Trustee Gibson indicated a preference for seeing the scenarios as they are developed rather than waiting until the January board report.

f) Trustee Gibson asked that information be provided regarding the transiency rate in grades 2-5 in the schools undergoing sustainability and program fit reviews.

g) Trustee Gibson urged consideration for K-9 at Highlands and Avalon.

- h) Trustee Fleming suggested that a description of the school utilization formula from which the number of unfunded student spaces is calculated be clarified.
  - i) Trustee Fleming suggested that the cost of staffing each school be included in the report.
7. International Baccalaureate Examination Results: May 2006
  8. Alberta Education Diploma Examination Results
  9. Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2006
  10. 2006 Provincial Achievement Test Results
    - a) Received for information.
    - b) Trustee Nicholson requested that information be provided regarding jurisdictions that require public service as part of their high school requirements.
  11. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2005-2006 School and Central Department Results
    - a) Received for information.
    - b) Trustee Gibson made the following comments and suggestions:
      - Provide trustees with a one-page glossary of each of the special education categories in their budget and results review binders.
      - Reporting of provincial achievement test results for the cohort and as well for those that wrote.
      - Develop appropriate result measures for schools such as L.Y. Cairns and Tevie Miller.
      - Develop a report for special needs students to indicate growth and progress; for example, the percentage of special needs students who are meeting what percentage of goals in their IPP.
      - Convey concerns about class size in Division II to Alberta Education.
      - Where there is high transiency between a group of schools, examine a reasonable commonality of programs to provide consistency of instruction.
      - Examine options for providing Amiskwaciy students with access to 30-level courses; e.g. twinning with another high schools.
      - What can be done to assist Amiskwaciy and Rites of Passage that are sharing PO&M funding for two buildings?
      - Heard comment that an elementary ELL support in the university area is required.
      - Examine the distribution of lease revenues between schools and the district.
    - A number of schools can't provide after-hours use because they don't have a night custodian but they would be willing to consider a host. Could the district work

with the Federation of Community Leagues or other organizations to access hosts?

- The work of the Programs department with external agencies should be highlighted in the report to Alberta Education.

c) Trustee Hansen made the following comments:

- Noted the excellent work being done in identifying and supporting at-risk students.
- Schools are working on the issue of nutrition at all divisions
  - Few vending machines in elementary schools
  - Junior highs are looking at portion size
  - High schools are also looking at nutrition
- Schools appreciated receiving extra funding but were frustrated with receiving it in July after staff had been let go – this needs to be identified to Alberta Education.
- There was support for ELL satellite sites.
- There is support for inclusion at the schools but there is a concern about sufficient resources.
- The community use of schools was an issue – some schools feel the loss of autonomy because of the City of Edmonton taking over the booking of space. Some schools also indicated that groups that they previously refused access to are now being allowed access.
- Vandalism is an issue across the district. It has a significant impact on some schools budgets. Some schools are asking about the possibility of using video cameras.
- Need to find a way to allow schools to have the flexibility to use their surpluses.
- Schools are concerned that late-arriving ELL students are not funded.
- Combining budget and results review meetings should be considered.

d) Trustee Keiver concurred with the following:

- ELL satellite sites
- Highlighting the partnership with agencies
- Recognizing the success of non-academically inclined students.

e) Trustee Gibeault believed combining results review and budget review meetings is the board's decision to make.

f) Trustee Nicholson agreed that Alberta Education should be advised of the negative impact on staffing of receiving late funding.

g) Trustee Esslinger made the following comments:

- The issue of lunchroom fees is a concern for some schools
- Consistent survey data should be included in the documentation.

- Cyberbullying (via My Space and Nexopia) is an increasing issue at some junior high schools.
- Need for ELL satellite sites particularly in the north Edmonton.
- School surpluses need to be addressed.

12. Teacher Mentorship Program

Received for information.

13. Trustee Aboriginal Education Task Force: Interim Report

Received for information.

14. Bereavement

Received with regret.

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Gibson recognized Donna Barrett for providing excellent support for the Aboriginal Task Force.

**I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives - None.**

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Esslinger requested an update on alternative programs, possible new programs and possible relocations.

**K. Notices of Motion – None.**

**L. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**M. Duration of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:35 p.m.