



## Summary of Board Meeting #3 Tuesday, November 30, 2004

- A. **O Canada** – District Video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Recognition:**
1. **O Canada Video** - Received for information.
- D. **Communications from the Board Chairman**
1. The chairman advised that on November 23, 2004, the Edmonton Public School Board received the Alberta School Boards Association's Premier's Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence. This is the first time the district has won this prestigious award, which is sponsored by Xerox. The award recognizes the board for its role in launching the City Centre Education Project in 2001.
  2. The chairman advised that this year's White Ribbon Campaign began November 25<sup>th</sup> and will run through December 6<sup>th</sup>. This national campaign is intended to make the public aware that violence against women is unacceptable. The board endorsed the White Ribbon Campaign in 1996 and urges schools and staff to recognize this initiative. The board also commended CUPE Local 474 for its continuing role in bringing attention to this important social issue.
  3. The chairman advised that Sunday, December 5, 2004 has been designated by the United Nations as *International Volunteer Day* to recognize the important contribution of volunteer service. We in the district certainly do appreciate the countless hours of service our volunteers provide to support the work of ensuring superb results from all students.
- E. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**
- The superintendent advised that a group from Minnesota including Governor Tim Pawlenty will be meeting with district staff regarding using the district's school-site decision making model to improve student achievement. The group will also meet with Premier Klein.
- F. **Minutes:**
2. **Board Meeting #2 – November 9, 2004** – Approved as printed.

**G. Focus on Student Achievement**

3. Londonderry School – Focus on Reading

Received for information.

**H. Reports:**

4. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 24, 2004

Approved recommendation re submission of audit financial statements to Alberta Education.

5. Alberta Learning Achievement Test Results: June 2004

6. Alberta Learning Diploma Examination Results and Senior High Course Completion Rates

Received for information

7. Fourth Quarterly Report: June 1, 2004 to August 31, 2004

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Esslinger requested that information be provided regarding the increase in the number of student accidents from 2002-2003 to 2003-2004.

8. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

9. Board of Trustees - Legacy Statement

Approved recommendation.

10. School Councils Regulation Review

a) Approved regulation with the following changes:

- Trustee Fleming referred to Idea #6 and asked that clarification be made that we would not want the school council to have the authority regarding the continuation of a current principal if that principal does not have the profile of the preferred criteria and skills identified by the school council.
- Trustee Keiver referred to Idea #9 and indicated that the society is responsible to “Alberta Gaming” as well as “Alberta Registries”.

## 11. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2003-2004 School and Central Department Results

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Gibson asked that consideration be given to the following:
  - whether the data portion of the school reports could be partly automated so that data already entered for other reports not be re-entered.
  - determining whether certain measures are sufficiently correlated so that only one measure need be reported for a given year.
  - capturing the following information in the documents:
    - reporting results from interim internal measures since September for the current year (as early indicators to assess the success of measures identified in the implications for the year in review)
    - indicating for students at risk who transfer into a school part way through the year what useful achievement information was received from the previous school (especially if the previous school was a district school) and indicating, for students leaving the school part way through the year, the number of times the school was able to provide information to the receiving school
    - comparing student achievement for students who came through the Success by Six or ABC Head Start programs to those who did not participate in these programs to confirm the value of these early literacy programs.
- c) Trustee Hansen suggested that the administration examine situations where parents pull their children out of school for two to three months to go out of country and request that the school provide programming for their children during this period of time.
- d) Trustee Hansen suggested that the administration examine whether the results review and budget review process could be combined.

## 12. Edmonton Public Schools' Annual Education Results Report 2003-2004

Received for information.

- I. **Committee and Board Representative Reports** – None.
  - **Community Relations Activities** – None.
- J. **Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives** – None.

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

1. Trustee Gibson asked whether the district has been approached or has made an approach to see if we might be able to measure the student achievement for students involved in the five-year Families First Project.
2. Trustee Colburn referred to the recent district media release regarding class size and asked that the following information be provided:
  - Do the figures include or exclude special needs classes?
  - If special needs classes are excluded from the calculation, what would the class size averages be?
  - Are principals and/or other administrative staff included in these calculations?
  - How many classes in each grade continue to have more than 30 students, more than 35 students, more than 40 students? What subjects are these high class sizes associated with.
  - How do these class size averages compare to class size averages for 2002-2003 if you exclude classes with 50% or greater special needs students?

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

**M. Next Meeting Date: December 14, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

**N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.**