

A. Roll Call:

All Trustees were present. Trustee MacKenzie participated via SKYPE.

B. O Canada:  (2:00 p.m.) – Vimy Ridge Academy**C. Reports**1. Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

Received for information.

D. Communications from the Board Chair

- i. The Board Chair advised that Dr. Maureen Stratton and 67 Bachelor of Education (After Degree) students from the Education 551 (Educational Administration) course at Concordia University College of Alberta were in the audience. The Education 551 course examines the complex systems within public education – the organizational, legal, and social structures that are evident in contemporary schools. The Education 551 students observe a public school board meeting to assist them in understanding the governance structures in public education in Alberta.
- ii. The Board Chair advised that Board Policy IEC.BP – Student Admission to the District, received first and second consideration at the October 11, 2011 board meeting, and based on questions asked and clarification requested at that meeting, the Administration will be taking the policy back to the Policy Review Committee for further review.
- iii. The Board Chair advised that at the last board meeting, Trustee Shipka served notice of motion regarding the development of policy regarding student placement and retention. This motion will be brought to the December 13, 2011 board meeting.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

F. Minutes:

2. Board Meeting #4 – October 25, 2011

Approved as printed.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

- i. Dr. Fern Snart, Dean, University of Alberta, Faculty of Education, spoke in support of the proposed policy on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- ii. Ms Madelaine Rainey provided follow-up comments to her remarks at the September 27, 2011 Board Meeting and expressed her concern regarding a lack of options available for children with brain disorders to attend their neighbourhood school.

H. Reports

3. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 1, 2011)

Approved recommendation.

4. Selection of Board Representatives on the Audit Committee

The following Trustees were elected to the Audit Committee:

- Trustee Michael Janz
- Trustee Cheryl Johner
- The Board Chair will serve as the third Trustee member.

5. APPLE Schools and REAL Kids Update

Received for information.

6. Provincial Achievement Tests
(Response to Trustee Request #129)

Received for Information.

7. Motion re Provincial Achievement Tests
 - a) Mr. Ed Butler, President, ATA Local #37, encouraged the Board to call on the provincial government to replace the current provincial achievement testing model.
 - b) Approved recommendation.

8. Motion re Pre-registration for 5:00 p.m. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives Agenda Item at Board Meetings
 - a) Trustees suggested there be a process for people to register during the Public Board Meeting so that they would be able to speak during the *Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives* segment at the end of the meeting.
 - b) Approved recommendation.

9. Request from Renew 1.1.2

Approved recommendation.

10. Review of Board Policy IFA.BP – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
 - a) The Board heard from the following speakers:
 1. John Carpay delegation representing Citizens for Diversity in Education
 2. Ed Butler, President, Edmonton Public Teachers
 3. Ms Sue Huff
 4. Mr. Larry Booi, Public Interest Alberta
 5. Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, Professor Emeritus from University of Alberta representing the Edmonton Logos Society
 6. Mr. Greg Kauffman
 7. Dr. Karen Hofmann
 8. MLA Rachel Notley
 9. MLA Laurie Blakeman
 10. Dr. Andre Grace, University of Alberta
 11. Donna Blundell, Executive Director Safe and Caring Schools and Communities
 12. Geoff W. Pritchard
 13. Denise Davis Taylor
 14. Mr. John Buterman
 15. Mr. Peter Buisman, Executive Director Edmonton Society for Christian Education

16. Ms Angela Reid
17. Mr. Hassan Elramly
18. Ms Laura Gyoba
19. Carol Allan
20. Garnett Genuis
21. Michael Phair
22. Rob Wells, on behalf of the Affirm Committee of Southminster- Steinhauer United Church
23. Rev. Dr. Nancy Steeves, on behalf of Southminster- Steinhauer United Church
24. Hannah Wiens
25. Danielle Parker
26. Helen Gabert
27. Rev. Bruce Miller, Garneau United Church
28. John Wright, on behalf of Edmonton Presbytery of the United Church of Canada
29. Jean Forsythe
30. Gillian Lermeyer
31. Sally Boyle, President of the AB & NW Conference of the United Church of Canada (*Ms Boyle also provided a letter*)
32. Josephine Cross
33. Janelle Knutson
34. Creedon Stewart
35. Jay Smith

- b) Policy IFA.BP received first and second consideration with the following amendment:

Add the following sentence: *‘The Board also recognizes the need to develop and maintain mutually supportive relationships with a variety of LBGTTQ communities in order to ensure the ongoing improvement of the implementation of this policy.’*

- c) Policy IFA.BP will be brought to the November 29, 2011 board meeting for third consideration and final approval.

11. Edmonton Public Schools' Combined Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report
- a) The report was deferred to the November 29, 2011 board meeting.
 - b) The report will come back to board as a recommendation subject to the input provided by Trustees.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

This information will be included in the minutes of the November 8, 2011 board meeting.

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

- i. Trustee Shipka requested the following information:
 - Provide comparisons of how district unused space compares with Edmonton and Calgary districts.
 - What current and future implications, if any, could this have for student achievement in our district?
- ii. Trustee Johner requested the following information:
 - When a teacher continues to underperform, what is the process and steps taken to manage and improve performance in schools?
 - How does the collective agreement impact the process?
- iii. Trustee Ripley requested the following information:
 - As follow-up to the Ad Hoc Committee on School Closures and Sustainability Review recommendations around tracking the achievement of children affected by school closures, provide an update on the performance of the children in Fulton Place, Capilano, McCauley, Parkdale and Eastwood Schools in 2010 – 2011 in their new schools.

iv. Trustee Ripley requested the following information:

- As a follow-up to the presentation by EPSB on “creativity” on October 11, 2011 to the Ottawa-Carleton School Board, provide information on how EPSB defines creativity and how it is developing and supporting creativity and innovation in all of our students across the district.
- Please include examples of current classroom/school practice, initiatives and programs.
- Also, please comment on the context within this work takes place, the barriers and supports, and district plans to enhance the development of student creativity into the future.

v. Trustee Colburn requested the following information:

- Provide a report on how formal financial literacy training might be incorporated into our curriculum and give examples of best practices in this regard in other districts across Canada.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

N. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.