

DATE: September 13, 2011
TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Bereavements
ORIGINATOR: David Fraser, Executive Director, Corporate Services
RESOURCE STAFF: Paula Stiles
REFERENCE: GM.AR – Deaths and Bereavements
GM.BP – Acknowledgement of Deaths and Bereavements

ISSUE

To report the death of a current staff member and a former Trustee.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Patrick Fizell passed away June 26, 2011, at the age of 59 years. Mr. Fizell began his teaching career with Edmonton Public Schools in 1981. Throughout his 30 years with the District, Mr. Fizell served at various schools as a teacher, consultant, counsellor, curriculum coordinator, assistant principal and principal. He was on sick leave from Thorncliffe School at the time of his death. Mr. Fizell is survived by his partner, Lynn Arnold, and two daughters, Kate and Tori.

Mr. George Nicholson passed away July 16, 2011, at the age of 79 years. In addition to being a long serving trustee, Mr. Nicholson was also a student, teacher and a principal with Edmonton Public Schools. Mr. Nicholson is survived by his wife, Donna, children, Joanne and Gina and step-children, Gary, Todd and Christine.

CURRENT SITUATION

A memorial donation for Mr. Fizell has been sent to the Alberta Cancer Foundation on behalf of the Administration and the Board of Trustees.

A memorial donation for Mr. Nicholson has been sent to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation on behalf of the Administration and the Board of Trustees.

KEY POINTS

- Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I GM.AR – Deaths and Bereavements

ATTACHMENT II GM.BP – Acknowledgement of Deaths and Bereavements

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Edmonton Public Schools Board Policies and Regulations

CODE: GM.AR
TOPIC: Deaths and Bereavements

EFFECTIVE DATE: 19-03-2009
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1. Upon notice of the death of a staff member, Trustee, or former Trustee:
 - a. A donation shall be made to the charity named in the newspaper obituary or, if a charity is not named, flowers or another appropriate acknowledgement shall be sent to the bereaved family.
 - b. An information Board report, a submission to the Staff Bulletin Board and Transmittal Memorandum shall be issued.
 2. Upon notice of the death of a former staff member, a submission to the Staff Bulletin Board and Transmittal Memorandum shall be issued.
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Reference(s):

GM.BP- Acknowledgement of Deaths and Bereavements

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Edmonton Public Schools Board Policies and Regulations

CODE: GM.BP

EFFECTIVE DATE: 27-01-2009

TOPIC: Acknowledgement of Deaths and
Bereavements

ISSUE DATE: 29-01-2009

REVIEW DATE: 01-2016

The Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of the Board, shall acknowledge the death or bereavement of a current staff member or Trustee.

The Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of the Board, shall acknowledge the death of a former staff member or Trustee.

Reference(s):

[GM.AR](#) - Deaths and Bereavements
