



Summary of Board Meeting #10 Tuesday, April 10, 2001

- A. **O Canada** – Students from Donna School sang O Canada.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

1. **84th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge - April 9th**

The chairman advised that, yesterday, April 9th, was the 84th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. By its name, Edmonton Public Schools' L'Academie Vimy Ridge Academy acknowledges the Battle of Vimy Ridge and honours all those Canadians who made such great sacrifices so long ago for Canada and its future. With its emphasis on Canada, L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy focuses on building strong Canadian citizens who honour their past and desire to build a strong nation for tomorrow.

Today students at L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy have a strong sense of being Canadian as did the Canadian soldiers who fought at Vimy Ridge in 1917. The victory at Vimy Ridge was a result of teamwork, leadership, commitment, hard work, persistence and the ability to organize and carry out a plan---all skills that are emphasized in the program at the Academy.

2. **Earth Day**

The chairman advised that Sunday, April 22, 2001 is International Earth Day. Many district students will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day and Week – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives.

Several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. We encourage schools to participate.

While Earth Day and Week only come around once a year, taking pride in our school grounds and keeping our communities beautiful and litter-free is a worthy cause for all – every day of the year.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Dosdall presented the board with a plaque from the Children's Health Foundation for its participation in the *Veronica's Tiles for Smiles* project. This program was a three-year project of the Children's Health Foundation. Grades 2 to 5 students from 31 Edmonton schools were recruited to hand paint tiles with messages for sick children. The completed tiles were used to decorate the renovated in-patient areas of the Stollery Children's Health Centre at the University of Alberta Hospital. On Tuesday, March 20, 2001, *Tiles for Smiles* reached its goal of 5,000 tiles. The project was launched in November 1998 at Rio Terrace School. Edmonton Public Schools' efforts were coordinated by district Art consultant Sharon Busby. Fifteen Edmonton Public schools and hundreds of students participated in the program over the last three years. Veronica Whidden, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age 22, was the inspiration for the project. After she passed away in 1997, a memorial was set up to implement the *Veronica's Tiles for Smiles* project.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 13, 2001 – Approved as printed.
2. Board Meeting – April 3, 2001 – Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

3. Donnan School: Sports Alternative Program - Received for information.

G. Recognition:

4. Charmaine Letourneau – Member of the Order of Canada - Received for information.

H. Reports:

5. Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 20, 2001)

Approved recommendations re:

- central services appointments
- central services reappointment of staff
- leadership appointments

6. Motion Regarding the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

The motion was defeated.

7. Motion Regarding the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)

The motion was withdrawn.

8. Parkdale School – Modified School Calendar

Approved recommendation.

9. Board Policy CH.BP – Policy Development and Review and Board Policy CHA.BP – Board Delegation of Authority

Approved recommendation.

10. Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the Conduct of the 2001 School Board Election

Approved recommendation.

11. Board Policy JJA. BP – Electioneering

- a) Approved the following amendment: **That item 3.a. of the proposed revision to JJA.BP – Electioneering be amended to read: *The board of trustees believes that a locally elected school board is integral to public education. To that end the district shall play an active role in disseminating information to the electorate about school board elections.***

- b) Approved recommendation as amended.

13. Delegation – Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association

- a) Heard delegation.
- b) The delegation presented the board with a petition.
- c) The delegation was advised that a response to all delegations with respect to the school closure consultation process will be brought to the April 24, 2001 board meeting.

12. Proposed Revision to JJ.BP – Advertising in Schools

Approved recommendation.

14. 2001-2002 Non-Resident and International Students

- a) Noted corrections to the wording of the recommendation.
- b) Approved recommendation.

15. Edmonton Public Schools' Sector Model

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Nicholson requested comparable information regarding Edmonton Catholic Schools.
- c) Trustee Melnychuk expressed concern regarding the sector model being used to deny modernization in the low utilization sectors.

Ms Denboer advised that these requests would be expressed to the province in the letter accompanying the sector model proposal.

16. Introduction of Revised 1999-2002 Plans and the 2001-2002 Proposed Budget

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Nicholson requested that a revenue page be provided to trustees at the April 23, 2001 board meeting.

17. Disposition of Trustee Initiatives in Revised Three-Year Plans

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Melnychuk referred to trustee budget initiative #7 and requested an interim report regarding vocational education.

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

Trustee Hansen requested a report on the status of the previous two years trustee budget initiatives.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Public Board Meeting Dates:

- **Monday, April 23, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, April 24, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.**

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.