



Summary of Board Meeting #11 Tuesday, April 13, 2004

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

- 1. **Excellence in Teaching**

The chairman advised that, on Tuesday, April 20th, the board of trustees will host a ceremony honouring the district's Excellence in Teaching Award Finalists. Thirty-eight Edmonton Public Schools' teachers have been selected as finalists. They are among the 130 finalists selected from across the province. The board of trustees is looking forward to meeting and offering our congratulations to each of the district finalists.

- 2. **Earth Day**

The chairman advised that April is Earth Month and April 22nd is International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. More than 6 million Canadians join 500 million people in over 180 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. Many district students will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day and Earth Month – everything ranging from eco-tours, Earth Day assemblies, waste reduction projects, planting trees and gardens -- to pitch-in and clean-up drives.

He noted that, several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. The board encourages schools to participate.

He concluded by saying that, 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** – None.

- E. **Minutes:**

- 1. **Board Meeting #10 – March 23, 2004** - Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

2. Crestwood School – A Community of Critical Thinkers

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held March 23 and April 6, 2004)

Approved recommendations re:

- SiPP
- Principal Designations
- Appointment - Director, Communications
- Spokespersons for CUPE Negotiations

4. Allendale Elementary Program Closure

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Hansen asked that the administration examine providing free transportation for a period of time for the 15 students currently in the regular elementary program at Allendale School.

5. Issues for the 2004 ASBA Spring/Fall General Meetings

Approved recommendation.

6. Establishment of the 2004-2005 Budget Planning Base

Approved recommendation.

7. Distribution of Additional Revenue to Schools for 2004-2005

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Woodrow requested that information be provided regarding how many students there will be from the additional 25 high needs schools.

8. Trustee Initiatives

Received for information.

9. Foundation Feasibility Study Findings

Received for information.

10. Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Update

Received for information.

11. District Emergency Preparedness Support Team

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Odynski suggested that school councils be provided an opportunity to provide input.

12. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004

13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Reports 12 and 13 were deferred to the April 27, 2004 board meeting.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Odynski noted that Delwood School would be hosting a Literacy Day on April 17, 2004.

2. Trustee Odynski noted that APPEAL (Albertans Promoting Public Education and Learning) will be holding an important parent conference on May 1, 2004 in Westrose and sponsored by Alberta Community Development called Leading in Learning – What can we do so that ALL kids succeed in school? More information is available at: <http://www.appealalberta.com>

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting Date: April 27, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.