

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATOR: A. Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services
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RESOURCE

STAFF: Gloria Chalmers, Bob Maksymic

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #425, FEBRUARY 24, 2004 (TRUSTEE MARTIN): WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ALLOW ALL CUSTODIANS ACCESS TO E-MAIL AND THE INTERNET? The administration will encourage principals to provide head custodians with access to E-Mail and Internet as it appears that the majority of them use technology as part of their job. Currently 177 out of 221 head custodians have access to E-Mail. Principals will be encouraged to provide access to other custodial staff where the principal wishes the staff member to use E-Mail in their work. Information Technology Services (ITS) will be available to assist schools in arranging for the access including the creation of an individual address. (B. Maksymic, 429-8481)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #435, MARCH 9, 2004 (TRUSTEE DEAN) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE STRINGS PROGRAM TAKING PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS. Based on input from teachers in the strings program of the district Music Enrichment Programs, we estimate that there are about 35 students taking private lessons. (G. Chalmers, 429-8398)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #436, MARCH 9, 2004 (TRUSTEE DEAN) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHETHER ANY CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO A COMBINED DISTRICT ORCHESTRA SIMILAR TO THE CHORAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM. The strings program of the district Music Enrichment Program includes 8 orchestras at 5 levels of proficiency. Orchestra A and the Singing Strings are combined for performance at Night of Music.

Neither Elk Island Public Schools nor St. Albert Protestant Separate School District offer a strings program. Elk Island Public Schools has three district-level honour choirs but St. Alberta does not and neither district has a district-level band program. (G. Chalmers, 429-8398)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #441, MARCH 23, 2004 (TRUSTEE FLEMING) IS INFORMATION REGARDING PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE MUSIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FEES PROVIDED TO PARENTS? Parents are advised that they have the option of paying by cash, cheque or credit card. Upon request, post dated cheques have been/are accepted but this is not advertised as it has resulted in some non-payments. (G. Chalmers, 429-8398)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #442, MARCH 23, 2004 (TRUSTEE HANSEN) HOW MUCH OF THE MUSIC ENRICHMENT FEES ARE SALARY COSTS? Salary costs account for 89 per cent of the total budget which includes fees and the district contribution. (G. Chalmers, 429-8398)

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