



**Summary of Board Meeting #11  
Tuesday, April 22, 2003**

A. **O Canada** – District Video.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustee Odynski was absent.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

1. The chairman noted that April is Earth Month and today 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. 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 -- everyday of the year.
2. The chairman noted that, on average, over a million cases of occupational injuries have been reported by Worker's Compensation Boards across Canada for each of the last 13 years. There are at least 1,000 occupational deaths reported each year. It is these types of statistics that prompted the Canadian Labour Congress to set aside April 28 each year as a Day of Mourning for victims of workplace accidents and disease. In recognition of the men and women of our province and of the district who are part of those statistics, on April 27, 1998, the Edmonton Public School Board proclaimed every April 28<sup>th</sup> as an annual 'Day of Mourning' in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job. The board encourages each and everyone to do their part to ensure that Edmonton Public Schools' work and learning environments are as healthy and safe for staff, students and community as possible.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

E. **Minutes:**

1. **Board Meeting #10 – March 25, 2003**

Approved as printed.

## **F. Reports:**

### 2. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held March 25 and April 15, 2003

Approved recommendations re:

- Resolution regarding indemnification
- Confirmation of designation – principals
- Proposed objectives and bargaining brief – teacher negotiations
- 2003 student-parent-staff and community satisfaction surveys

### 3. Literacy M.A.P.: Meaningful Applied Phonics

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Woodrow requested that longitudinal information from the University of Alberta be provide when it becomes available.
- c) Trustee Nicholson asked whether any of the six schools that have Literacy M.A.P. also have reading recovery.

### 4. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2002 to February 28, 2003

Received for information.

### 5. Idylwylde School Closure

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Nicholson requested that the communities affected by the upcoming school closure recommendations be advised of the board meeting date.

## **G. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

### • **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Woodrow commended Dave Colburne and Dianne Williamson who co-chaired the Literacy Conference sponsored by the Delwood School Council last weekend. There were 850 parents from both school systems in attendance. She commended the organizers and the consultants from each district.
2. Trustee Woodrow commended CUPE Local 474 for focussing on providing literacy for their membership.
3. Trustee Dean advised that Sifton School would be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 1, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Current and former students, parents and staff are invited to attend.

4. Trustee Martin advised that Parkdale would be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, April 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

**H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representative - None.**

**I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Dean requested a listing of all schools including junior high schools involved in the RAP program as well as those teachers who are coordinating the program.

**J. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Hansen served notice of the following motion:

*That the administration conduct a review of present policies and regulations that relate to international travel for students. That the report either reaffirm the relevancy of present policies and regulations or recommend amendments are required to address current global situations.*

**K. Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2003 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

**L. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.**