



Summary of Board Meeting #11 Tuesday, April 30, 2002

- A. **O Canada** – District Video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**
 - 1. The chairman noted that MLA Bob Maskell was present in the audience.
 - 2. The chairman advised that, later in the evening, the board would be honouring the Excellence in Teaching award nominees.
 - 3. The chairman noted that there has been a tremendous outpouring of support for the families of the four members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who were killed in Afghanistan. This has reached close to home for many of our students and families and our thoughts and sincere sympathies are with them and with the men and women of the Edmonton Garrison still overseas.
 - 4. The chairman advised that the board would also like to express its sympathy for the students and families affected by the recent school tragedy in Erfurt, Germany.
 - 5. The chairman noted that this week is Education Week. This year's theme is "Reaching New Heights". Education is the key to discovering new possibilities and indeed reaching new heights. It builds individual knowledge and skills, encourages innovation and creativity, and contributes to economic growth and strong communities. Teachers use their creativity and experience to produce activities, learning and great ideas, and innovative approaches to learning for students throughout the district. Education Week is a celebration, and provides an opportunity for schools to showcase how they help students reach new heights throughout the year.
 - 6. The chairman noted that the Government of Alberta plans to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the education system in our province. In preparation for this review - the Board of Trustees has invited Key Communicators, School Council Chairs and Junior and Senior High School student representatives to participate in a meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at Amiskwaciy Academy. This meeting will enable our stakeholders to share their thoughts on our education system with trustees and one another. Their input will provide valuable information for the review and trustees are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with our partners in public education.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #10 – April 16, 2002

Approved as printed

F. Focus on Student Achievement

2. Archives and Museum: Supporting Teaching and Learning

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 16 and 23, 2002)

Approved recommendations re:

- Board Policy IGD.BP – Student Suspension and Expulsion
- School Year Calendar: 2002-2003
- Confirmation of Designation - Principals

4. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002

Received for information.

5. Student Transportation Fees for 2002-2003

Approved recommendation.

6. Issues for the 2002 ASBA Fall General Meeting

Approved recommendation.

7. Tenders – Michael A. Kostek School Four Classroom Addition

Approved recommendation.

8. Curriculum Addition – Marine Biology 25

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Odynski requested that the following information be provided regarding the Marine Biology summer course: How many students take the course? Who teaches this course? How do students fund this course; i.e. travel to the west coast?

9. Budget Review – Superintendent’s Department

Deferred to the May 7, 2002 board meeting.

10. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Bonko requested that a report be prepared for conference committee with respect to the criteria or regulations pertaining to the random selection process in oversubscribed schools.
2. Trustee Martin referred to recent media reports regarding citizenship studies and polls where 60% of the respondents did not know the names of Canadian Prime Ministers and in another poll fewer than half the respondents could not correctly identify the Canadian Alliance party as being left or right of the NDP. He also noted that a poll statistic indicated that 7 out of 10 people believe politicians are corrupt. He has found that many young people are taking pride in the fact that they are not voting.

Trustee Martin requested that information be provided on how the social studies curriculum, especially at the high school level, addresses the topic of citizenship.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2002 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.