



# EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Board Meeting #10 Held Tuesday, April 10, 2007

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**A. O Canada:**  (6:20 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

**B. Roll Call:** All trustees were present.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

1. The board chair noted that, yesterday, was the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. By its name, Edmonton Public Schools' L'Académie 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.

The anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge reminds us of the men and women of the Edmonton Garrison currently overseas. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

2. The board chair advised that thirty-seven district teachers have been named finalists for 2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards. The finalists were chosen from 320 eligible nominees by representatives from Alberta's education community. This year, the awards program is recognizing 130 Alberta teachers, celebrating their outstanding creativity and innovation in their classrooms.

These teachers were chosen because of their excellence in a variety of areas – including knowledge of subject matter, effectiveness with students, creative and innovative teaching practices, involvement with parents and collaboration with colleagues.

Being named a finalist is an acknowledgement from the local school community that these teachers are held in high esteem for their valuable and lasting contribution to the lives of their students – and it is testament to the outstanding teachers we have in Edmonton Public Schools.

The Board of Trustees will recognize the district's nominees during a special ceremony on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **D. Communications from the Acting Superintendent**

The acting superintendent provided an update regarding Victoria School. Further information is available on the district website at: [www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca)

#### **E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 13, 2007 – Approved as printed.
2. Special Board Meeting – March 22, 2007 – Approved as printed.

#### **F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

3. Menisa – A School in the “Deepening Literacy Instruction” AISI Project  
Received for information.

#### **G. Reports:**

4. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 3, 2007)
  - a) Approved recommendations regarding the following:
    - Central administrative appointment
    - Central services reappointment of staff
    - Spokespersons for Negotiations with Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 of the Alberta Teachers’ Association
  - b) The following recommendation was also approved: That, in accordance with the *School Act* Section 113, authorization for the board chair to seek written approval of the Minister of Education to appoint Candidate #1 to the position of Superintendent of Schools and to conclude the contract subject to the terms agreed upon at the April 10, 2007 conference committee meeting.
5. Motion re Transportation for Students from Closed Schools
  - a) Approved the following amended recommendation: That the students currently enrolled in the regular program at High Park, Newton, Mount Pleasant, Mill Creek schools and residing in the designated attendance area be provided with transportation at no cost to the parents to the designated receiving school for the duration of their elementary enrolment at that school.
  - b) Trustee Hansen asked that consideration be given for providing transportation at no cost to parents for students currently designated to attend Hazeldean School who live in the Mill Creek designated attendance area.

- c) Trustee Gibeault suggested that clarification be given to parents that this is not “free” transportation but rather is subsidized transportation, the cost of which is borne by the district.

6. Response to Delegation – Re: Sports Programs in Schools

Approved recommendation.

7. Framework for a District-Level Foundation

The recommendation was deferred for consideration by the next board of trustees.

8. Board Policy ACA.BP – Respectful Learning and Working Environments

Approved recommendation.

9. 2007-2008 Proposed Planning Base

Approved recommendation.

10. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2007-2008

Received for information.

11. Trustee Planning Initiatives for 2007-2008

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibson, with respect to trustee initiative #8, encouraged further consideration about determine the root cause of low achievement results in numeracy and literacy if the same best practices are being used at the top and bottom quartile.

c) Trustee Colburn suggested that the administration better identify the DPA allocation available to schools.

12. Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations

Received for information.

13. Practices and Policies Related to School Security

14. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007

Deferred to the April 24, 2007 board meeting.

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Esslinger advised that she had recently attended the Metro Japanese Community School 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**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 Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

**M. Duration of Meeting: 6:20 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.**