



**Summary of Board Meeting #11
Held Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

A. O Canada:  (6:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present. Trustee Colburn participated via Skype.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

1. The Acting Board Chair advised that April is Earth Month and Friday, April 22nd is International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. As a means of increasing awareness about energy conservation and our impact on the environment, all schools and district departments are being encouraged to participate in the third annual Lights Out Challenge. Staff and students are being asked to turn off as many lights and electrical devices as is safe and practical for at least one hour on Thursday, April 21st.

Last year, 58 district sites participating in the one-day event managed to turn off 46,700 lights, over 1650 computers and monitors, as well as 445 Smartboards to reduce the district's energy consumption by 7300 kilo-watt hours. This was the equivalent of planting over 990 trees to help reduce CO₂.

This year, the District is again linked with Lights Out Canada to add the district's energy savings to the national and world totals on Earth Day. Schools registering with EnviroMatters will have their name added to the national list. Several years ago, the Board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. The Board encourages schools to participate.

2. The Acting Board Chair noted that Mr. Elwin "Sonny" Kalynchuk is the Acting President for CUPE Local 474, Edmonton Public Schools Custodial Workers. Mr. Doug Luellman, the past President of CUPE Local 474, has been hired into a new position within EPSB as the Supervisor, Custodial Support Services.

The newly elected President for CUPE Local 784, Edmonton Public Schools Maintenance Workers is Mr. Mitch Peel.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent noted the District hosted visitors from Israel who had come to examine the District's management system. They expressed appreciation to the staff who met with them.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #10 – March 22, 2011

Approved as printed.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

1. Ms Tina Jardine expressed concern the public School Closure Moratorium Committee meetings are all scheduled between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. She requested the time for the public input portion of the meetings be reconsidered.
2. Mr. Bill Moore-Kilgannon, Executive Director Public Interest in Alberta, expressed concern regarding the possible rental of space to EDLEUN, a private, for-profit childcare corporation in four district schools. He noted Public Interest Alberta issued a media release today with respect to this matter.

G. Reports

2. Report #2 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held April 5, 2011)
Approved recommendation.
3. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 5, 2011)
Approved recommendation.
4. Process and Timeline for 2011-2012 Planning
Approved recommendation.

5. Proposed Issue for the ASBA 2011 Policy Process

Approved the following amended recommendation:

That submission of the following Directive for Action for submission to ASBA Zone 23 be approved:

*Directive for Action: That the Alberta School Boards Association develop a policy advisory to assist school boards in supporting the specialized health, safety, and learning needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, and two-spirit (LGBT) students, **families** and employees in Alberta schools.*

9. Presentation by Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

Received for information.

6. Review of Board Policy JJ.BP – Assisting Community Organizations

Approved recommendation.

7. Review of Board Policy JG.BP – Community Use of District Buildings

a) The following amendment to the policy was approved: *That the following be added as the last sentence of the policy: Those organizations leasing or licensing space must provide evidence of recognized, acceptable, social and ethical standards through policies, practices and procedures.*

b) The Policy was referred to the Administration to provide information regarding the operational implications of the following proposed amendment: That paragraph three of the policy be amended to read: Members of the community *excluding publicly-traded companies providing day care and early education* can access space through the following methods: ...

8. Motion re In-Camera Sessions

a) The following amendments were approved:

- The second paragraph of the Board's procedures regarding In-Camera Sessions Committee of the Whole – Conference was amended by deleting the first sentence: *The Board holds regularly scheduled in-camera meetings to deal with land, labour, and legal matters.*

- Item 1d. under 'Purpose' of the Board's procedures regarding In-Camera Sessions Committee of the Whole – Conference was amended to read: *Reviewing the functioning of the Board and Board development activities.*
- The 'Purpose' section in the Board's procedures regarding In-Camera Sessions Committee of the Whole – Conference was amended to retain 1.e. Providing advice to the Superintendent of Schools.

b) The motion was referred back to Trustee Janz in order to consult with General Counsel to bring back to public board.

10. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

11. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

1. Trustee Colburn, the Board's Representative on the Alberta School Boards Association Board of Directors, provided the following report from the March 10-11, 2011 ASBA Board of Directors meeting:
 - The Board of Directors approved a draft budget for the 2011-2012 budget which will be presented to boards across the province at the ASBA Spring General Meeting in Red Deer in June for approval. There will be a significant reduction in spending; e.g. there will be fewer Board of Directors meetings, the Association will not conduct a telephone survey of school boards, the annual invitational Leadership Retreat will be turned into a revenue-generating event.
 - The Board of Directors is proposing to draw \$30,455 from the Association's building reserve to balance the 2011-2012 budget which will result in a 1% increase in membership fees for the coming year.
 - The Board of Directors adopted the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan. The Plan is now on the ASBA website. Committees and task forces have been formed to support the work of the Strategic Plan. He noted that student wellness has been added to the Strategic Plan. He added that he will be chairing the Student Wellness Task Force on behalf of the ASBA over the next year.
2. Trustee Johner, the Board's representative on ASBA Zone 23, advised she will be bringing forward the Directive for Action approved earlier in the evening by the Board at the April 29, 2011 ASBA Zone 23 meeting.

3. Trustee Cleary, the Board's representative on the Alberta School Boards Association for Languages Education (ASBALE), reported that the selection committee comprised of herself, Elk Island School District Trustee Joann Lloyd, Peace River School District Trustee Bryan Imray and Mr. Stuart Wachowicz, who is acting in an advisory capacity, met on March 28, 2011 and awarded two teacher bursaries as no student applications were received. She advised she would circulate a copy of the meeting minutes to Trustees and Superintendent for information and would advise the Board of the names of the recipients at a later date once all of the arrangements have been secured. She congratulated the bursary recipients and wished them well with their studies in China over the summer.
4. Trustee Spencer, the Board's liaison on the Public School Boards' Council, reported that the PSBC will meet this weekend. He noted several provincial leadership candidates will be dropping by during that time.
5. Trustee Spencer reported he attended the Alberta Association for Community Living Annual Family Conference last weekend. He noted that Belvedere and Crawford Plains Schools won national awards for their work on inclusion.
6. Trustee MacKenzie, the Board's representative on the Capital Region Services to Children Linkages Committee, reported that the Committee will meet on May 4, 2011. She advised that Trustee Cleary, her alternate, will attend the meeting since she will be on leave at that time.
7. Trustee MacKenzie, Chair of the School Closure Moratorium Committee, reported that, as noted at the last board meeting, the Committee will be holding a series of public committee meetings to review the various factors contributing to school closures and to examine alternatives to school closures. The first public committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in McCauley Chambers. The topic of the meeting is urban sprawl as it pertains to the district. There will be a presentation from the Administration which will be followed by brainstorming some possible means of addressing this challenge.

Members of the public are welcome to speak to the topic and can register with the Board Secretary if they wish to do so. More information about the process is available on the district website and Facebook groups.

8. Trustee Hoffman, the Board's representative on the Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee, reported that the Committee's first meeting was held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Centre for Education. The Committee agreed there should be two main focuses – to define “bullying” to identify the scope and reduce the extent and to develop a number of recommendations. The Committee, at their next meeting, will be developing the actual definition of bullying. The definition will then be placed online for feedback. She urged Trustees to advise people in their wards who would be interested in providing feedback on this topic. The Committee will be meeting twice in May.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – See TT#80 to #84

I. Notices of Motion

1. Trustee Shipka served notice of the following motion:

That the Administration seek feedback from staff, parents and the community about implementing a district school calendar that offers a start date of the Monday prior to Labour Day and includes a one-week break in November and that a summary of the feedback come to public Board by the end of November, if possible.

2. Trustee Shipka served notice of the following motion:

That approval of the 2012-2013 School Year Calendar be deferred until December 2011, at which time the Board will review suitable school calendar options with consideration to feedback received.

3. Trustee Cleary served notice of the following motion:

That EPSB become a district supporter of school council membership in the Alberta School Councils' Association.

4. Trustee Spencer served notice of the following motion:

To improve student safety and encourage walking and cycling to school, Edmonton Public Schools shall join the advocacy efforts of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues and other organizations in pursuing lower speed limits within residential areas. As a first measure, the Chair, on behalf of the Board, will write a letter to City Council expressing our support for such an initiative.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2011

K. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 10:25 p.m.

**TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM BOARD MEETING #11 HELD
APRIL 13, 2011**

TT#	Trustee	Request
80.	Dave Colburn	Provide information identifying the locations of opportunity programs in the district at the junior high and high school level.
81.	Dave Colburn	Provide information regarding the particulars of the RAP Program including the approximate percentage of RAP students who enter the RAP Program in Grade 10 and graduate with a diploma as well the percentage of students who dropout.
82.	Catherine Ripley	Provide information on the implications, costs and any other considerations to the District and current and future lessors requiring evidence of recognized, acceptable, social and ethical practices for those leasing or licensing space in District buildings.
83.	Catherine Ripley	Provide information summarizing the recent provincial findings about school libraries and a copy of the EPSB results from the school library survey the Province administered.