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Summary of Board Meeting Tuesday, April 18, 2006

A. **O Canada** – District Video.

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

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that April is Earth Month and Saturday, April 22nd 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 have been involved in activities recognizing Earth Month and will be involved in activities recognizing Earth Day – 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 – every day of the year.

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

E. **Minutes:**

1. **Board Meeting #9 – March 14, 2006**

Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. **Homesteader School – Focus on Reading and Language Comprehension**

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 4, 2006)

Approved recommendations regarding:

- Principal designations
- Teacher negotiations
- Support Staff negotiations
- Custodial negotiations
- Maintenance negotiations

4. 2006-2007 Proposed Planning Base

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustees expressed concern that the government grant does not cover the cost of inflation and that the board needs to develop a plan to communicate its concerns to the province.

5. Second Language Policy

Approved recommendation.

6. Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations

a) Received for information.

b) The response to the staff group budget presentations and a copy of the group presentations will be disseminated to principals and D.U. administrators for consideration in the development of budget plans.

7. Results from Phase I of the Ten-Year Facilities Plan Public Consultation and Next Steps for the Proposed Plan

Received for information.

8. Results of Joint Use Agreement Internal Review and Details of the Joint Use Agreement External Tri-Party Review

Received for information.

9. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustees requested that, in future reports, the areas of responsibility and/or D.U.s falling under the areas of responsibility for the executive directors be clarified for reporting of staffing.

10. Response to Trustee Request for Information

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Gibson requested that the information regarding the status of schools that do not provide after-hour community access be brought back to board on a periodic basis and, in particular, information regarding the success of alternative methods of supervision for community groups.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Colburn reported that he would be holding a town hall forum in his ward (Ward D) on education on Monday, April 24, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at Eastglen School. The forum will provide participants with broad levels of information on district finances, alternative programs and site-based decision making. The Key Note address will be from a member of the U. of A. Faculty of Education regarding what role parents play in the success of their children. He extended an invitation to all those interested in discussing education issues in addition his ward constituents.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion

The board chair served notice of the following motion on behalf of Trustee Nicholson:

Be it resolved, that the administration examine the feasibility of implementing an apprenticeship training programme designed to help meet the district's present and future needs for qualified trade personnel, and further, that the programme be designed to include the provision of regular apprentices and Registered Apprenticeship Programme (RAP) students, and further, that the report include the potential costs and benefits to the district of the aforesaid programme.

L. Next Meeting Date: April 25, 2006 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

11. Appointment of the New Superintendent of Schools

The board confirmed the appointment of Mr. Lyall Thomson as superintendent of schools effective September 1, 2006.

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.