



# EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Board Meeting #11 Held Tuesday, April 24, 2007

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

**B. Roll Call:** Trustee Colburn was absent.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

1. The board chair commended staff, students, parents and community members who provided support following the fire at Victoria School.
2. The board chair noted that April is Earth Month and Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> was International Earth Day which is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. Several years ago, the board identified Earth Day and Week as an initiative to promote within the district. Many district students have been involved in activities recognizing Earth Month and were 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.
3. The board chair noted that this week is Support Staff Appreciation Week and tomorrow has been designated as Support Staff Appreciation Day in the district. On this day, schools and central service decision units will have the opportunity to recognize the contributions of all support staff for the excellent work that they do in supporting the success of all students and staff.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #10 – April 10, 2007 – Approved as printed.

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

2. Braemar School A School in the “Using Assessment to Enhance Student Learning and Success” AISI Project

Received for information.

## **G. Reports:**

3. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held April 10, 2007)

Approved recommendations:

- Sherbrooke School lease to Aurora Charter School Ltd.
- Principal designations
- Proposed Objectives – Teacher Negotiations

4. Practices and Policies Related to School Security

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Keiver suggested using the phrase “Lock Down” in order to be consistent with international terminology regarding security.

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

Received for information.

b) Trustee Fleming requested information regarding the fluctuations in kindergarten enrolment both in September and February indicated on page 2 of the Quarterly Report.

c) Trustee Esslinger requested information regarding whether the increase in ESL numbers on page 2 of the Quarterly Report was due to new students or newly coded students.

6. Ritchie School: Administration Response to Referral Motion

a) Heard comments urging the board to include Ritchie School as a district priority in the next three-year capital plan for submission to the province from:

- Ms Keri Walmsley Parent Council President Mill Creek/Ritchie Schools, and
- Ms Karen Bridges, President Ritchie Community League

b) Approved recommendation.

7. Board Submission to ASBA Governance Review

Approved recommendation.

8. Proposed Board Policy GBCE.BP – Volunteers – Registration and Records Checks

- a) Approved first and second consideration of the proposed policy.
- b) Third consideration and final approval of the proposed policy is scheduled for May 8, 2007 board meeting.

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Keiver advised of the following:

- She had attended the Ukrainian Bilingual Program Easter Celebration at Delwood School a few weeks ago. Premier Stelmach was in attendance. She commended the organizers of the event.
- She brought greetings last week at the French Gala held at Harry Ainlay School.
- She received an e-mail from a parent of an M.E. LaZerte student commending the Tri for Cancer fundraiser spearhead by teacher Marion McIlwraith on April 19<sup>th</sup> and described the positive impact it had on her daughter.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy and Learning Day 2007 was held on Saturday at NAIT. She commended EPSB for the variety of in-kind supports and services for the conference and read a proclamation from Mayor Stephen Mandel declaring April 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy and Learning Day in Edmonton.

**I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

Mark Ramsankar, President Edmonton Public Teachers, advised that tomorrow he would be presenting a School and Community award to Mr. David Jones and Shauna Shore of Queen Elizabeth School for their Living Classroom Project.

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**

**K. Notices of Motion – None.**

**L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

9. Approval of the New Superintendent of Schools

- a) Confirmed the appointment of Mr. Edgar Schmidt as superintendent of schools for a three-year term commencing May 1, 2007.
- b) Approved a motion of appreciation for the excellent support and leadership of Mr. Bob Holt as acting superintendent.

**M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.**