



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Summary of Board Meeting #12 Held Tuesday, April 26, 2011

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

B. Roll Call: Trustees Janz and MacKenzie were absent. All other Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

1. The Board Chair advised that April 28th is the 27th Anniversary of the National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed at the Workplace. The numbers are staggering. In 2009, 939 workplace deaths were recorded in Canada - down from 1036 the previous year. This represents more than 2.57 deaths every single day. It is these types of statistics that prompted the Canadian Labour Congress to set aside April 28th each year as a Day of Mourning for victims of workplace accidents and disease. In recognition of the men and women of our province and of the district who are part of those statistics, the Edmonton Public School Board on April 27, 1998 proclaimed every April 28th as an annual 'Day of Mourning' in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job. The Board encourages each and everyone to do their part to ensure that Edmonton Public Schools' work and learning environments are as healthy and safe for staff, students and community as possible throughout the year.
2. The Board Chair advised that, this week, is Support Staff Appreciation Week with tomorrow, April 27th, 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 important 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 Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

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Approved as printed.

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

G. Reports

2. Motion re Membership in the Alberta School Councils' Association

The motion was deferred to the May 10, 2011 board meeting.

3. Motion re Lower Speed Limits in Residential Areas

a) The Board heard comments from the following individuals:

- Mr. Shahriyar Kahn, Community Development Officer of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
- Ms Patricia Grell. Ms Grell also provided information to the Trustees

b) The following amended motion was approved: *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 and enforcing 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.*

4. Motion re Implementing a Modified District School Calendar

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The following amended motion was approved: *That the Administration seek feedback from staff, parents and the community about 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.*

5. Motion re Deferral of Approval of the 2012-2013 School Year Calendar

The recommendation was approved.

6. School Year Calendar 2012-2013

The report was deferred until December 2011.

7. 2011-2012 Proposed Distribution of Funds

Approved recommendation.

8. District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015

- a) The Board heard comments from the following individuals:
- Ms Charlene Bowman, School Council Chair, Esther Starkman School
 - Mr. Daylin Breen, School Council Member, Johnny Bright School
- b) The report was deferred to the May 10, 2011 board meeting.
- c) Trustee Hoffman will meet with the Director Executive and Board Relations to outline her questions and concerns.

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

10. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

This information will be included in the April 26, 2011 board meeting minutes.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – SEE TT#87 to #91 below.

I. Notices of Motion

1. Trustee Shipka served notice of the following motion:

That public board meeting times be amended to run from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month commencing the first board meeting in September 2011.

2. Trustee Ripley served notice of the following motion:

That the Board add the following item to its Public Board agenda on a regular basis: Tracking Progress and Excellence in the 2011-14 Priorities.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

K. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 10:05 p.m.

**TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM BOARD MEETING #12 HELD
APRIL 26, 2011**

| TT# | Trustee | |
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| 86. | Ken Shipka | Seek feedback from staff, parents and the community about 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. |
| 87. | Ken Shipka | Provide information on the merits and drawbacks of promoting Stevia as a natural sweetener for student health. |
| 88. | Sarah Hoffman | Provide information summarizing the number of staff who been granted sick leave (short and long term). The information should include a monthly breakdown over the past 5 years identifying peak periods of illness by staff group in the district. |
| 89. | Sarah Hoffman | Can the Administration provide any evidence that a modified calendar reduces the number of sick time taken by staff in the district? |
| 90. | Sarah Spencer | Summarize the advantages and disadvantages of shortening the summer break and adding a fall break. |
| 91. | Dave Colburn | Provide information on the feasibility of appointing external members to the Audit Committee including an identification of boards across the province that follow this practice and what this practice looks like in format. |