

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

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

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

1. The Board Chair advised that, tomorrow is the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Day of Mourning for Workers Injured or Killed at the Workplace.

In 2008, 1,036 workers died from workplace injury and disease in Canada -- 166 were Alberta workers. It is these types of statistics that prompted the Canadian Labour Congress to set aside April 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 the Board had received a letter of resignation from Trustee Huff from her position as Board Vice-Chair effective immediately.
3. The Board Chair advised that Ernie Wynchuk, a Trustee with St. Albert Protestant Schools, passed away on April 25<sup>th</sup>. A Memorial service will be held in St. Albert on Thursday, April 29, 2010. A condolence note will be sent to the Board Chair of St. Albert Protestant Schools on behalf of our Board.

4. The Board Chair noted that Board members will be meeting tomorrow evening with the Board and Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools. Edmonton Catholic Trustees have asked for an opportunity to speak about transportation routes and purchasing within the context of partnerships and collaboration. Board Chair Debbie Engel will speak to the two items.
5. Trustee Huff thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Board Vice-Chair.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #14 – April 13, 2010

Approved as printed.

**F. Improving Student Achievement:**

2. Improving Student Achievement Through Authentic and Meaningful Opportunities for Writing

Received for information.

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

1. Ms Madeline Rainey asked when the findings and recommendations of the Transportation Service review will be brought to public Board.

The Superintendent advised that the report is scheduled for the May 11, 2010 Board meeting.

2. Mr. Ed Butler, President Edmonton Public Teachers, referred to report #11 *Response to Staff Group Presentations re: 2010-2011 Budget* and noted that the Local's concern with respect the District attitude survey and Teacher Code of Conduct was not addressed in the report.

**H. Reports**

3. Report #11 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 6 and 20, 2010)

Approved recommendation.

4. Motion re Creating a District Health and Wellness Committee

The motion was defeated.

5. Responses to Board Requests for Information

- a) Ms Haraba asked the following with respect to the response to TT#288: *Given the emphasis on the importance of wraparound services for vulnerable students, and given that the point of the Sector Review consolidations and closures is to fill available space with students, will – and how will – the district maintain and enhance the wraparound services that were in place in each of the CCEP schools before the closure vote?*

She provided a copy of her question to the Board Secretary for followup.

- b) Received for information.

6. Locally Developed Courses – Additions, Renewals

Approved recommendation.

7. Policy Review ACB.BP – Multiculturalism and National Identity

- a) Approved recommendation with the policy amended to read as follows: *Given that Canada is a multicultural and democratic nation identified by its national anthem and flag, the Board believes that patriotic exercises and the cultivation of patriotic sentiment contributes to a climate of mutual respect and trust conducive to student learning, personal development, social living and citizenship within a Canadian context. All Edmonton Public Schools shall display the Canadian flag and are **expected** to play or conduct regular singing of the national anthem.*

- b) Report to be prepared for 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration and final approval for the May 11, 2010 Board meeting.

8. Policy Review – Board Policy JH.BP – Public Gifts

- a) Approved recommendation.

- b) Report to be prepared for 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration and final approval for the May 11, 2010 Board meeting.

9. 2010-2011 Proposed Planning Base

Approved recommendation.

10. Process and Timeline for 2010-2011 Planning

Approved recommendation.

11. Response to Staff Group Presentations re: 2010-2011 Budget

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Huff referred to Mr. Butler's earlier comments regarding the Local's concern with respect the District attitude survey and Teacher Code of Conduct was not addressed in the report. She asked whether the written response could be amended to address those concerns.

The Superintendent undertook to examine the appropriate wording and response with respect to this.

12. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

1. Trustee Huff read the following statement: I have a public statement to make. An apology. At the last public board meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, I referenced our Trustee protocol regarding Trustees engaging fully in debate. I understand that Trustee Shipka felt personally attacked and embarrassed by my remarks. It was never my intent to cause Trustee Shipka any embarrassment or to single him out personally. I am sorry he was distressed by my comments.
2. Trustee Huff reported that, on April 17, 2010, she and Trustee Shipka attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Learning Day at NAIT. 800 parents registered for this free day-long event. She commended the District's consultants who supported the event by presenting and District staff who manned the information tables. She also commended the event organizers -- Wendy Keiver, President and Luc Bouchard, Vice-President Literacy and Learning Day Society of Edmonton. She encouraged the Board to consider supporting this event either through a donation or by exploring ways to make this a co-operative venture in the future with the Parents as Partners Program.
3. Trustee Huff reported that, on April 21, 2010, she brought greetings at the Healthy Eating, Active Living Parents as Partners Session. She noted that Carrie Harfield of Alberta Health Services, Patti McLeish and Don Zabloski spoke at the event. Staff from Ottewell and Beacon Heights Schools spoke about their efforts to become healthy schools. She congratulated the organizers of the event.

4. Trustee Huff reported that, on April 22, 2010, she represented the District at the Emerald Awards announcement in Calgary of the finalists for the awards. Westglen and M.E. LaZerte Schools were announced as finalists. They are the only two schools that made it as finalists.
5. Trustee Huff reported that, today, she attended a Ryan's Well Foundation event at Westglen School. The Foundation's founder, Ryan Hreljac, started raising money when he was in Grade 1 to build wells in Uganda and has since raised over \$5 million which has helped to build over 500 wells. He inspired Garneau School student, Finn Case, to do the same and he has raised over \$29,000 which has helped to build 2 wells.
6. Trustee Ripley reported on the following from the April 23, 2010 ASBA Zone 23 meeting:
  - advocacy video clips will be sent to Edmonton MLAs this week
  - Trustee Bev Esslinger and Trustee Lynda Akers (members of the ASBA Board of Directors) made a presentation about the 2010-2011 ASBA budget. The budget will be 2% higher than last year but membership fees will not be increased.
  - There was a presentation by the ASBA Drug Awareness Committee. The Committee is looking for best practices with respect to drug awareness from around the province. There will be a round-table discussion on this issue in June.
  - ASBA President Heather Welwood encouraged all Trustees to meet with MLAs regarding school board budget realities.
7. Trustee Esslinger reported, that on April 15<sup>th</sup>, she attended the Multicultural Day Celebration at Evansdale. It was an excellent celebration of food and costume. There were many nations represented. Mayor Mandel was also present for this event. She commended the organizers of the event.

## **I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

1. Trustee Huff requested that the information that was recently TM'd regarding CCEP be brought to public Board.

A majority of Trustees concurred with the request going forward.

2. Trustee Huff requested that information be provided on the approximate cost and benefit of providing free transportation to children in care who are challenged with multiple moves in order to preserve the supportive relationships with teachers and school communities.

A majority of Trustees concurred with the request going forward.

3. Trustee Ripley requested that information be provided regarding an update on the transition plans for students and staff affected by school closures.

A majority of Trustees concurred with the request going forward.

4. Trustee Gibson requested that information be provided on how widespread the practice is of non-payment for student lunch supervision fees -- how relates to the principal-assessed inability to pay or other factors.

A majority of Trustees concurred with the request going forward.

## **J. Notices of Motion**

1. Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

*That the Administration prepare a series of annual reports on important work in the district, the subject matter of these reports will be determined the Board, and the scheduling of these reports will be indicated on the district website no later than the end of September.*

2. Trustee Shipka served notice of the following motion:

*That the current policy on debate on motions be amended to read as follows: The Mover of a motion may speak first to that motion. Thereafter, each Trustee will have an opportunity to ask questions for clarification. When the Chair calls for formal debate, Trustees will have 2 opportunities to speak, for a maximum of 3 minutes each time. Permission to extend the limits of debate may be granted by the Chair if the majority of Trustees concur. The Mover of the motion will be given an opportunity to close debate.*

3. Trustee Esslinger served notice of the following motion:

*That the Board develop a policy articulating the values and principles for setting attendance areas including to be closest to where students live.*

4. Trustee Ripley served notice of the following motion:

*That the Board exercise its right to ask public school electors for a special tax levy on the October 2010 municipal ballot. Further, that the Board request \$20 million per year for the next three years for the purpose of supporting the renewal and upgrading of school buildings.*

**K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

**L. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.**