

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

B. Roll Call: Trustee Esslinger was absent.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

1. Trustee Fleming, the Board's Representative on Alberta School Boards' Association Zone 23, advised that the Minister of Education's Leadership Recognition Awards that were presented at the ASBA Zone 23 meeting held on November 28, 2008.

The Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Awards celebrate significant improvement and/or very high achievement at the district or jurisdiction level. The awards were created in collaboration with education stakeholders and recognize those school board leaders who make a difference in our classrooms every day.

Many of the award categories are based on the province's Accountability Pillar – which is a measurement of our learning goals at the school district and provincial level.

School boards are eligible to receive a Minister's Award if their annual results demonstrate significant improvement and/or very high achievement across the Accountability Pillar categories.

The district was the recipient of the Minister's Education Leadership Recognition Award in a number of categories:

Very High Achievement

- Program of Studies
- Education Quality

Significant Improvement

- Safe and Caring
- Program of Studies
- Education Quality
- High School Completion Rate (3 year)
- Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate

- Transition Rate (6 year)
- Work Preparation
- Citizenship
- School Improvement
- Practical Arts
- Healthful Living
- Other Non-Diploma

The Minister noted during the presentation that Edmonton Public Schools had received the highest number of awards.

2. Trustee Shipka issued an apology for his comments at the November 25, 2008 Board Meeting

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

Acting Superintendent Tanni Parker advised that a series by the *Des Moines Register* on world-class schools features Riverbend and J. Percy Page schools. *Des Moines Register* reporter Linda Fandel and videographer Mary Chind visited the schools at the end of October and interviewed the principals, teachers, students and parents.

E. Minutes:

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Approved as amended with changes on pages 4 and 5.

F. Improving Student Achievement:

2. Improving Student Achievement at Evansdale Elementary School

Received for information.

G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

3. District Energy and Environmental Management

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding how many District schools still have boilers and, of those, how many boilers are over 50 years of age.

4. Curriculum Additions, Locally Developed Courses

Approved recommendation.

5. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports:

6. Report #5 of the conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 2, 2008)

Approved recommendation.

7. Motion re Special Education

The recommendation was defeated.

I. Other Trustee Reports:

1. Trustee Ripley advised that she and Trustees Rice and Esslinger attended the Community Partner Recognition Event and Launch of 2008 Report to the Community on November 26, 2008.
2. Trustee Ripley advised that she had attended the Community Collaboration AISI Project Day with Dr. Martin Brokenleg Event on November 28, 2008.
3. Trustee Ripley advised that she and Trustees Esslinger, Huff, Rice and Shipka attended the PSAA Christmas Reception on December 3, 2008.
4. Trustee Ripley advised that she had represented the Board at the launch of the Olweus Anti-Bullying Program at Delton School on December 4, 2008.
5. Trustee Ripley advised that she and Trustee Esslinger had participated in the 25th Annual 1881 School House Christmas Concert.
6. Trustee Ripley advised that she had represented the Board at the Alberta Health Services Board luncheon today with Board and Members of the Executive Team.
7. Trustee Colburn advised that he would be attending Winterfest: A Celebration of Seasonal Music by Students in the Music Enrichment Program on Friday.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Rodney French, Principal Representative Edmonton Public Teachers, extended Season Greetings to the Board on behalf of the Local.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Gibeault requested that Board Policy FO.BP be reviewed with consideration of both District energy and environmental management and brought to the Planning and Policy Committee.

L. Notices of Motion

1. Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That the administration conduct a feasibility study on geothermal heating as an alternative, environmentally-friendly model for existing and new schools.

2. Trustee Huff served notice of the following motion:

That the administration create an overarching environmental policy.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.