

Summary of Board Meeting #4 Tuesday, December 10, 2002

- A. **O Canada** – *École Richard Secord School Choir*
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustees Fleming and Gibeault were absent.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The acting board chairman, on behalf of the board, wished everyone the very best of the season. He also reminded staff members from the Centre for Education, Archives and Museum, Bennett Centre, Maintenance Shops, Warehouse, Book Depository, Metro Community College and Victoria School that they are invited to join trustees at the annual Trustees' Coffee Party which will be held in the Atrium at the Centre for Education on Thursday, December 12, 2002 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**

- 1. **Board Meeting #3 – November 26, 2002**

Approved as printed. (AS)

- F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

- 2. **École Richard Secord School's Instructional Focus: Daily Practice of Reading and Writing**

Received for information.

- G. **Recognition:**

- 3. **Recipients of the 2002 General Scrap Iron and Metals Scholarships**

Received for information.

4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

Received for information.

H. Reports:

5. Report #3 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 3, 2002)

Approved recommendations re:

- Reduction of expenditures in D.U. #315
- Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE Local 784

6. District Priorities 2002-2005

Approved recommendation.

7. Curriculum Addition: Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts K-12

Approved recommendation.

8. Edmonton Public Schools’ Three-Year Education Plan, 2001-2002

Received for information.

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Bonko (further to TT #198) requested that information be provided from 10 of our most highly utilized schools regarding the cost to them of supporting the Joint Use Agreement; e.g. staff costs, utilities and supplies and how much money is recovered through rentals.
- c) Trustee Woodrow (further to TT#167) requested that a presentation be made regarding MAP.

10. Bereavement

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Received with regret.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Martin noted that trustees of the Edmonton Public Library had invited our board to host Ms Koenig, Executive Director of the People's Movement for Human Rights through the United Nations, and he had attended on behalf of the board,
2. Trustee Hansen advised that he had attended the unveiling of a display provided by the Royal Military College's Club of Canada by Brigadier General LeClarie, Commander of the Royal Military College of Canada, at L'Academie Vimy Ridge Academy last Friday.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Tracey Arbuthnott, vice president of the Edmonton Public Teachers, wished the board and administration a Merry Christmas. Next year will be a challenging one and the Local is looking forward to working with the board in partnership.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Martin requested that anecdotal information be provided with respect to how schools are handling the increased media attention about terrorism and the possible war with Iraq and if there is any notable impact on students.
2. Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided as to whether we are planning a similar document (Can You Spot the Gender Differences in the Classroom) for the unique learning requirements of girls. What kind of supports are provided to teachers to address concerns regarding gender differences in learning for both girls and boys?
3. Trustee Woodrow requested that a report be provided regarding schools planning international travel and the implications for our district's insurance.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Meeting Date: January 14, 2003 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

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