

**MINUTE BOOK**

**- Board Meeting #3 -**

Minutes of the board meeting of the trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Bev Esslinger  
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault  
Ken Gibson  
Svend Hansen

George Nicholson  
Wendy Keiver  
Don Williams

**Officials**

Lyall Thomson  
Donna Barrett  
Ron MacNeil

Corinne McCabe  
Tanni Parker  
Edgar Schmidt  
Betty Tams

Bev Crossman  
Darrell Robertson  
Linda Inglis  
Glen Haug  
Rob Cameron

**Board Chair:** Bev Esslinger

**Secretary:** Anne Sherwood

**Recording Secretary:** Manon Fraser

Edmonton Public Teachers: Mark Ramsankar, President  
CUPE Local 3550: Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **O Canada** – *O Canada DVD*

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that Trustee Colburn was absent. All other trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair advised that the White Ribbon Campaign began Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will run through December 6<sup>th</sup>. The White Ribbon Campaign is intended to make the public aware that violence against women is unacceptable. The board endorsed this campaign in 1996 and urges schools and staff to recognize this initiative. CUPE Local 474 has provided each trustee with a white ribbon.

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D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #2 – November 7, 2006

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the minutes of Board Meeting #2 held November 7, 2006 be approved as amended.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

2. Using Assessment to Enhance Student Learning and Success – AISI Project Update

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Using Assessment to Enhance Student Learning and Success – AISI Project Update’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibson requested that a copy of the Star Model of Assessment from the PowerPoint presentation be provided to trustees.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

G. Reports:

3. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held October 31, 2006)

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the following motion deferred from the November 7, 2006 board meeting be approved: *That the board approve a \$5,000 contribution to Aspen View Regional School Division to support its legal challenge of the Minister of Education’s right to determine an alternative method of separate school jurisdiction formation.*”**

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**The board chair called the question.**

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Hansen, Keiver and Williams

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Gibeault, Gibson and Nicholson

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

4. Apprenticeship Training Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Nicholson:**

**“That the district establish on a pilot basis for three years, provision to hire up to six apprentices and six Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) students in Facilities Services.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

5. Status of Registered Apprenticeship Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Status of Registered Apprenticeship Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

6. Status Report on Annual Implementation Plan – Sustainability and Program Fit Review

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Status Report on Annual Implementation Plan – Sustainability and Program Fit Review’ be received for information.”**

Mr. David Beckman, Vice President of the North Glenora Community League and League Representative of the Coronation School Scenario Development Team, urged the board to delay any decision regarding High Park, Coronation and Grovenor School until December 2007, at which time the other schools in the area will also have had their sustainability reviews.

Trustee Gibson requested that trustees be provided Ms Bidulock’s introductory comments as well as the PowerPoint presentation.

Trustee Gibson requested trustees be provided information on the scenarios as they are developed.

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Trustee Gibson asked that information be provided regarding the transiency rate in grades 2-5 in the schools undergoing sustainability and program fit reviews.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The board took a break at this point.

- 7 International Baccalaureate Examination Results: May 2006
- 8 Alberta Education Diploma Examination Results
9. Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2006
10. 2006 Provincial Achievement Test Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the reports entitled ‘International Baccalaureate Examination Results: May 2006; Alberta Education Diploma Examination Results; Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2006 and 2006 Provincial Achievement Test Results’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Nicholson requested that information be provided regarding jurisdictions that require public service as part of their high school requirements.

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2005-2006 School and Central Department Results

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2005-2006 School and Central Department Results’ be received for information.”**

Trustee Gibson made the following comments and suggestions:

- Provide trustees with a one-page glossary of each of the special education categories in their budget and results review binders.
- Report provincial achievement test results for the cohort and as well for those that wrote.
- Develop appropriate result measures for schools such as L.Y. Cairns and Tevie Miller.

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- Develop a report for special needs students to indicate growth and progress; for example, the percentage of special needs students who are meeting what percentage of goals in their IPP.
- Convey concerns about class size in Division II to Alberta Education.
- Examine a reasonable commonality of programs to provide consistency of instruction where there is high transiency between a group of schools,
- Examine options for providing Amiskwaciy students with access to 30-level courses; e.g. twinning with another high schools.
- Examine what can be done to assist Amiskwaciy and Rites of Passage that are sharing PO&M funding for two buildings.
- Comments were made during the reviews that an elementary ELL support in the university area is required.
- Examine the distribution of lease revenues between schools and the district.
- Examine whether the district could work with the Federation of Community Leagues or other organizations to access hosts since a number of schools can't provide after-hours use because they don't have a night custodian but would be willing to consider a host.
- Highlight the work of the Programs department with external agencies in the report to Alberta Education.

Trustee Hansen made the following comments:

- There is excellent work being done in identifying and supporting at-risk students.
- Schools are working on the issue of nutrition at all divisions; for example:
  - There are few vending machines in elementary schools
  - Junior highs are looking at portion size
  - High schools are also looking at nutrition
- Schools appreciated receiving extra funding but were frustrated with receiving it in July after staff had been let go – this needs to be identified to Alberta Education.
- There was support for ELL satellite sites.
- There is support for inclusion at the schools but there is a concern about sufficient resources.
- The community use of schools was an issue – some schools feel the loss of autonomy because of the City of Edmonton taking over the booking of space. Some schools also indicated that groups that they previously refused access to are now being allowed access.
- Vandalism is an issue across the district. It has a significant impact on some schools budgets. Some schools are asking about the possibility of using video cameras.
- We need to find a way to allow schools to have the flexibility to use their surpluses.
- Schools are concerned that late-arriving ELL students are not funded.
- Combining budget and results review meetings should be considered.

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Trustee Keiver concurred with the following:

- ELL satellite sites
- Highlighting the partnership with agencies
- Recognizing the success of non-academically inclined students

Trustee Gibeault believed combining results review and budget review meetings would be the board's decision to make.

Trustee Nicholson agreed that Alberta Education should be advised of the negative impact on staffing of receiving late funding.

Trustee Esslinger made the following comments:

- The issue of lunchroom fees is a concern for some schools
- Consistent survey data should be included in the documentation
- Cyberbullying (via My Space and Nexopia) is an increasing issue at some junior high schools.
- Need for ELL satellite sites particularly in north Edmonton
- School surpluses need to be addressed

**MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:**

**“That the meeting be extended past 9:00 p.m.”**

**IN FAVOUR:** Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson, Hansen, Keiver and Williams

**OPPOSED:** Trustee Nicholson

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**The board chair called the question.**

**The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### 12. Teacher Mentorship Program

**MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Teacher Mentorship Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

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13. Trustee Aboriginal Education Task Force: Interim Report

**MOVED BY Trustee Williams:**

**“That the report entitled ‘Trustee Aboriginal Education Task Force: Interim Report’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

14. Bereavement

The board vice-chair reported on the death of Ramon Nanad, a member of the district’s custodial staff.

**MOVED BY Board Vice-Chair Nicholson:**

**“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

- Community Relations Activities

Trustee Gibson recognized Donna Barrett for providing excellent support for the Aboriginal Task Force.

**I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Esslinger requested an update on alternative programs, possible new programs and possible relocations.

**K. Notices of Motion – None.**

**L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.**

**M. Adjournment: (9:35 p.m.)**

**The board chair adjourned the meeting.**

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary