



## Summary of Board Meeting #4 Tuesday, December 12, 2000

A. **O Canada** - Students from Fraser School sang O Canada.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.)- All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman extended an invitation from the Board of Trustees to staff from the Centre for Education, Archives and Museum, Maintenance Shops, Warehouse, Book Depository, Continuing Education and Victoria School to join them in the Atrium, Centre for Education, on Wednesday, December 13, 2000, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for coffee, pastries, entertainment and caroling. He advised staff coming from other sites that there will be free underground parking available the morning of the party.

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

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #3 – November 28, 2000 – Approved as printed.
2. Board Meeting – December 5, 2000 – Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

3. Fraser School: “Working Together to Develop Responsible Life-long Learning” – Received for information.

G. **Recognition:**

4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program - Received for information.

H. **Reports:**

5. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 5, 2000) - Approved recommendation re extension of appointment of Avison Young.
6. District Priorities 1999-2002 - Approved recommendation.

7. Curriculum Addition: Networking Technologies
  - a) Mr. Peter McNab, president Edmonton Public Schools, expressed concern with public school board curriculum being developed to meet the needs of private business. He also expressed concern that Edmonton Public Schools alone would undertake the costs to develop these courses rather than the government if private business is concerned about a province-wide shortage of trained personnel. He asked the board to refer the report for further consideration.
  - b) Approved recommendation.
8. Delegation – Junior High School in the Burnewood, Meadows, Wild Rose and Jackson Heights Area
  - a) Heard presentation from delegation.
  - b) The delegation presented a 1700-name petition for a junior high school in the Burnewood, Larkspur, Meadows, Wild Rose and Jackson Heights Area.
  - c) Response to delegation to be prepared for the January 16, 2001 board meeting.
9. Delegation – Twin Brooks School Committee
  - a) Heard presentation from delegation.
  - b) The delegation is requesting that a school be built in the Twin Brooks community.
  - c) Response to delegation to be prepared for the January 16, 2001 board meeting.
10. 2000-2003 Capital Submission - Approved recommendation.
16. Edmonton Public Schools' Alliance with the YMCA of Edmonton - Received for information.
15. Spanish Language Arts Curriculum Development - Received for information.
11. Victoria School Redevelopment - Approved recommendation.

12. Closure of Westview Village School
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) Trustee Nicholson suggested that the Minister of Infrastructure be notified that the school has now been officially closed.
13. Plan for the Use of the 2000/2001 Modernization Block Fund – Approved recommendation.
14. Multiple Campus Project Evaluation – Year One - Received for information.
17. Monitoring of Charter Schools - Received for information.
18. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information
  - a) Received for information.
  - b) Trustee Hansen noted in the letter to Mayor Bill Smith that Councillor Thiele was also present for the official opening of Edmonton Hall.
19. Bereavement - Received with regret.

**I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**

- **Community Relations Activities** - None.

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

Mr. Ed Hoyes, noted that the Key Communicators had won an award at the District Recognition Awards held November 28, 2000. He extended a thanks to the trustees who served on last year's as well as those serving on the current year's Key Communicators Advisory Committee – Trustees Dean, Fleming, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson and Sulyma for their work. He also thanked George Rice who served as the Superintendent's Council Representative. He extended the Key Communicators' thanks, in particular, to Elaine Decker from Communications and felt that it would be fitting that the board recognize her for her commitment to this program.

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None.**

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

**M. Meeting Dates: Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.**

**N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.**