

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

February 13, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dosedall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Delegation – Parent Representatives – John A. McDougall School

ORIGINATOR: A. Sherwood, Board Secretary

INFORMATION

Ms Margaret Mackenzie has requested an opportunity for a delegation representing parents of John A. McDougall School to appear before the board to request:

- Reconsideration of the (possible) closure of John A. McDougall School; and
- Consideration of special needs programming within the context of John A. McDougall School. (Appendix II, green page)

Correspondence from Anne Sherwood, board secretary, dated February 9, 2001 advising of the board's procedures concerning delegations and that arrangements have been made for the delegation to be heard by the board on Tuesday, February 13, 2001 between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. is attached (Appendix I). The delegation has been advised that due to several related agenda items an exact time for their presentation could not be given. The group will speak prior to dealing with the City Centre School Project report which was amended and deferred from January 30, 2001 board meeting.

Ms Margaret Mackenzie and Mr. Don Watt will be the delegation spokespersons.

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APPENDIX I - Correspondence from A. Sherwood, Board Secretary

APPENDIX II - (Green Page) Correspondence submitted by the Delegation

February 9, 2001

Dear Ms Mackenzie:

Your e-mail of February 9, 2001 is acknowledged. I understand that you will be asking the board to consider the following:

- Reconsideration of the (possible) closure of John A. McDougall School; and
- Consideration of special needs programming within the context of John A. McDougall School.

Arrangements have been made for your two spokespersons to appear before the board at its meeting of **Tuesday, February 13, 2001**. I recommend that your group be prepared to make its presentation at approximately 7:00 p.m. Due to several related agenda items I cannot give you an exact time for your presentation but expect the board to deal with these items between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The instructions for scheduled board delegations are as follows:

- **The delegation may appoint two spokesmen. Each person may make a verbal presentation not exceeding five minutes, and must be prepared to clarify issues and answer questions for the trustees.**
- **Board meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. and are held in McCauley Chambers on the second floor of the Centre for Education at 102 Street and Kingsway. Underground parking is available. Two seats will be reserved for the spokesperson(s) near the centre microphone in McCauley Chambers where the spokesperson(s) may be seated until called by the chairman.**
- **Decisions regarding requests made by delegations will be dealt with at the next meeting of the board or appropriate committee unless otherwise agreed to by a majority vote of the members present.**

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- **If a delegation has information it wishes provided to the trustees with respect to its presentation, one reproducible copy is to be submitted to the Board Office no later than 4:30 p.m. the Wednesday preceding the board meeting. The information will be included along with the delegation's letter of request to appear before the board with the agenda material being sent to trustees on the Friday preceding the board meeting.**

A copy of the report that will be provided to trustees with respect to your delegation will be e-mailed to you at John A. McDougall School on Friday, February 9, 2001 as well as a copy of the board meeting agenda. If you wish to receive a copy of the "related agenda item reports", please contact my secretary, Manon Fraser, at 429-8021 to make arrangements. These reports will also be accessible from the district's internet site later this afternoon at: <http://epsb.edmonton.ab.ca/trustees/agenda.shtml>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 429-8020.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Anne Sherwood
Board Secretary

cc: Emery Dossdall, Superintendent of Schools
Shirley Stiles, Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
Faye Parker, Supervisor Planning

BOARD PRESENTATION:
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2001

SPEAKERS: Margaret Mackenzie (parent)
Don Watt (parent)

KEY POINTS

Margaret Mackenzie:

- Recognition of community perspective, including cultural diversity and community action
- Issues of poverty and crime
- Parent/student/community realities vs. political realities
- Comparison of Queen Mary Park vs. John A. McDougall

- REQUEST: Reconsideration of closure of John A. McDougall School

Don Watt:

- Impact of specific programs on children and families of John A. McDougall School

- REQUEST: Consideration of special needs programming within the context of John A. McDougall School.