



# EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## **Board Meeting #7** **Held Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

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

### **B. Roll Call:** All trustees were present.

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### **C. Communications from the Board Chair**

1. The board chair noted that one of the district's priorities is to expand its leadership capacity. In this light, leadership development opportunities have been established for staff members who have demonstrated the potential for district leadership. As part of the leadership development program, candidates are encouraged to attend board meetings and observe the district governance in action. She recognized the 25 members of this year's Principal Education and Development class who were in the audience.
2. The board chair noted that this week (February 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>) is Random Acts of Kindness Week. The board has endorsed and recognized Random Acts of Kindness Week since 1996. The board encourages everyone to recognize and participate in random acts of kindness week whether it be to help a needy friend or anonymously shovel a neighbour's sidewalk. Hopefully kindness is something we practice throughout the year.

### **D. Communications from the Acting Superintendent – None.**

### **E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #6 – January 30, 2007 – Approved as printed.

### **F. Recognition:**

2. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program

Received for information.

## **G. Reports:**

3. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 6, 2007)  
Approved recommendation re principal designations.
4. Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the Conduct of the 2007 School Board Election  
Approved recommendation.
5. Process and Timeline for 2007-2008 Planning  
Approved recommendation.
6. Policy HCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Calendar
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided regarding the number of remaining board regulations.
  - c) Trustee Keiver requested that information be provided regarding the rationale for schools adopting modified school year calendars and whether the desired results have been achieved.
7. New Locations for District Programs for 2007-2008
  - a) Received for information.
  - b) Trustees expressed concern for the potential costs of implementing the international baccalaureate primary years program.
  - c) Trustee Gibson suggested providing maps indicating the distribution of like district programs.
8. Plan for Ellerslie Due to Municipal Upgrade  
Received for information.
9. Bereavement – Received with regret.

## **H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

### **• Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Keiver report that she had attended and was a judge last weekend at Londonderry School's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social Dance Contest.
2. Trustee Gibeault noted that he had attended the ASBA Board of Directors meeting last Thursday and Friday. He noted the following issues were discussed:
  - a new agreement on property taxation involving the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)
  - the process for the review of the ASBA governance structure.

He indicated that details of these items are forthcoming.

3. Trustee Gibson noted that he and the board chair will be attending a luncheon meeting this Friday with representatives from Economic Development Edmonton in furtherance of the board's advocacy of public education.
4. The board chair noted that she and Trustees Gibeault and Williams had attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Association this weekend, as did the Premier and Mayor. She noted that over the past 25 years, the Mandarin Program has expanded to 12 district schools and 2,000 students.
5. The board chair noted that she and Trustee Keiver had attended the Learning Partnership luncheon yesterday regarding the welcome kindergarten program.

## **I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

1. Joyce Pittman, President Virginia Park Parent Council, expressed the following concerns following the Parent Council meeting last evening with respect to a proposed multi-campus of Virginia Park and Mount Royal Schools:
  - There is not an overabundance of children currently attending Virginia Park School and sending children who would otherwise attend Virginia Park to Mount Royal School could jeopardize the sustainability of both schools in the future.
  - Lack of consultation previous to the meeting
  - Concern about adequate future consultation
2. Joanne Dykstra, parent Virginia Park, shared similar concerns. She was also very concerned about the conflicting messages she has received regarding the status of the proposal.

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

1. Trustee Colburn requested that a board report be provided comparing the provincial level of per student funding as well as a comparison of provincial high school completion rates across the country.
2. Trustee Keiver asked that information be provided regarding whether technology user agreements used in the district are agreements set by the district or whether schools can choose to design and implement the agreements themselves. She also asked if there is a requirement for the agreements to be signed and, if so, by whom (e.g. students and staff).
3. Trustee Esslinger requested that she be provided with the information that had been prepared regarding the feasibility of establishing a foundation.

**K. Notices of Motion – None.**

**L. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m. All trustees were present.

Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 13, 2007)

Approved recommendation.

**M. Duration of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.  
9:10 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.