



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUMMARY OF MEETING BOARD MEETING #8 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000

- A. **O Canada** – District Video
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - Trustee Dean was absent.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**
1. Advised that the district has received immediate school modernization funds in the amount of \$50,000 for Victoria School and \$4,033,374 for Westminster School.
 2. Noted that the board had met with the Minister of Learning last fall and advised that he had written a letter on behalf of the board to Dr. Oberg requesting another meeting to discuss issues of concern.
- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**
1. Board Meeting #7 – February 8, 2000 - Approved as printed.
 2. Board Meeting – February 15, 2000 - Approved as printed.
- F. **Focus on Student Achievement**
3. International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme - Received for information.
- G. **Recognition:**
4. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program - Received for information.
- H. **Reports:**
5. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 15, 2000)

Approved recommendations re principal designations.
 6. Board Policy HHHA.BP – Tutoring - Approved recommendation.

7. Bio-DiTRL Partnership - Received for information.
8. Ukrainian Language Arts - Received for information.
9. Children's Forum Final Report - Received for information.
10. Student Volunteer Service- Received for information.
11. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information - Received for information.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Gibeault requested that an information report be brought to board reviewing the district's current hiring practices for teachers addressing the following points:
 - What factors are contributing to the fact that our teaching force does not reflect as much diversity as our student population?
 - Are there enough minority students graduating from the University of Alberta and elsewhere from which the district can hire?
 - Would there be any merit in offering teacher applicants an opportunity to self identify their minority status on application forms?
 - Are principals of schools with high enrolments of minority students encouraged to consider the importance of good role models for all their students when making staffing decisions.
2. Trustee Fleming requested information as to whether communications and technological support processes have been established with Edmonton Police Services to rapidly deal with internet threats targeted at students.
3. Trustee Sulyma requested information regarding what the success rate is of our special needs students particularly in programs like behaviour disordered in the transition from grade 9 to 10. Also what is the retention rate in grade 12?
4. Trustee Williams requested information regarding the rationale for providing meningitis vaccinations in high schools as opposed to off-site for elementary and junior high school students. Should this be something that the board approaches Capital Health about?

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Meeting Type
March 7, 2000	6:00 p.m.	Board

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.