

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

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

1. The Board Chair reported that, on February 16th several Trustees and members of the Executive Team met with a number of chiefs, education department staff and administrators from different bands as well as the Métis Nation and the Inuit community. This was an historic moment as it was a first visit of chiefs and educators from reserves to Edmonton Public Schools. Over lunch, they shared stories and hopes for the education of all students. The intent is for us to develop ongoing strong relationships in support of the children we collectively serve.

He thanked the staff in Communications and the Aboriginal Education unit who personally contacted each of the guests and made this event possible.

2. The Board Chair advised that the Edmonton Public Schools' 46th Night of Music will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. The purpose of this event is to promote the importance of music education and recognize the musical accomplishments of district students. This year's theme is *2010 - A Musical Odyssey*.
3. The Board Chair advised that, across the district, students and staff have been organizing various events to assist those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

These events have included penny and bottle drives, community dances, pancake breakfasts, floor hockey games, and sales of special bracelets that were made in Darfur. Most of these fundraising efforts were initiated by students themselves, out of a desire to help all those who were suffering.

The compassion, character and commitment of these fine young men and women clearly demonstrate the wonderful nature of the students we are privileged to educate here at Edmonton Public Schools.

To date, students and staff from 84 schools have raised over \$140,000 for Haiti. These generous donations will make a significant impact in supporting the relief efforts for that country.

He commended the efforts of the District's staff and students, on behalf of the Board, and thanked them for their generosity and goodwill.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #10 – February 9, 2010
 - a) Trustee Huff noted an error at the bottom of page 8 of the minutes regarding the outcome of the vote – it should read – *The Motion was CARRIED.*
 - b) Trustee Ripley referred to page 4 of the minutes with respect to the vote on Recommendation #4 regarding denying authorization to the PSBC to transfer \$15,000...she advised that she actually supported authorizing the PSBC to transfer the funds and should have voted with the Trustees who voted in opposition to the recommendation – she requested that a notation be made in the minutes to reflect this.
 - c) Approved as amended.

F. Improving Student Achievement:

2. Improving Student Achievement by Supporting Successful Transitions from High School

Received for information.

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

H. Reports

3. Report #2 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held February 16, 2010)

Approved recommendation.
4. Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 16, 2010)

Approved recommendation.

5. Motion re Long-Term Space Rationalization

The Motion was defeated.

6. Removal of Coronation and Grovenor Schools from Continuation Review

a) The Board heard from the following registered speakers who spoke in favour of the recommendation:

- Ms Dale Ladouceur
- Mr. Scott Laurie
- Ms Jen Chivers

b) Approved the recommendation.

9. Presentation from Staff Group Representatives re 2010-2011 Budget
- Edmonton Public Teachers

a) Received verbal report for information.

b) A copy of the Local's brief was provided to the Board Secretary

c) Presentations from the following staff groups will be heard at the March 9, 2010 board meeting:

- CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff)
- CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)
- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)
- Exempt Staff

d) The Administration will prepare a report in response to the staff group representative presentations and copies of the response and the presentations will be disseminated to schools and central service decision unit managers for consideration in developing 2010-2011 plans.

7. Annual Implementation Plan: 2010-2011

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Huff suggested that transportation be added as part of the goals of sector planning.

8. Reviewed Board Policies Recommended for Affirmation, Minor Wording Changes or Rescission
 - a) Approved recommendation.
 - b) A report will be prepared for the March 9, 2010 board meeting for third consideration and final approval of the policies.

10. Responses to Board Requests for Information

Received for information.

11. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports
 1. Trustee Esslinger advised that she and Trustees Gibeault and Huff, attended the Chinese Bilingual New Year Celebration on February 10, 2010.
 2. Trustee Ripley reported that on Saturday she attended the Canwest Spelling Bee. A number of district students were regional finalists. Jared Barron from Ottewell School won the Spelling Bee and will go to Ottawa at end of March to compete nationally. He also won \$5,000.
 3. Trustee Ripley reported that she and Trustee Huff attended a Students for Sustainable Schools Facilities Management Conference at the end of January. The conference was about energy management organized by Will Deys and included M.E. LaZerte students.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding whether the funding formula is sufficient in meeting the needs of K-9 students and high school students. He also requested that information be provided regarding when and why the current CEU funding formula for high schools was adopted.

The Board concurred with the request going forward.

2. Trustee Rice requested that information be provided regarding the physical condition of the Fulton Place annex in terms of Occupational Health and Safety and other considerations and what repairs might be required over the next five years.

A majority of the Board supported the request going forward.

3. Trustee Esslinger requested that information be provided to clarify whether portables can be used for such things as before and after-school care in ASAP I schools opening in 2010 and information on the process for schools to access portables for community use.

A majority of the Board supported the request going forward.

4. Trustee Ripley requested that the Administration contact the City of Edmonton and provide information regarding the requirements and possible impact of a special school tax levy plebiscite. Also provide information from the government regarding sources of revenue that will no longer be available to the District.

A majority of the Board supported the request going forward.

J. Notices of Motion

Trustee Huff served notice of the following motion:

That Administrative Regulation JGB.AR – Utilization of Surplus Space in Schools be reviewed prior to June 2010 and that the Planning and Policy Committee develop an accompanying Board Policy.

K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

L. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.