



Summary of Board Meeting #8 Tuesday, February 27, 2001

A. **O Canada** – Greg Maluzynsky, a teacher from Kennedale, sang O Canada.

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

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that Ms Charmaine Letourneau, Assistant Principal at the Alberta School for the Deaf, has been named to the Order of Canada for her work improving quality of life for deaf people. An educator for almost 30 years, Ms Letourneau has been an advocate for equal rights, initiated special cultural, recreational and social programs for the deaf, and has served on a number of provincial and national organizations. Ms Letourneau is one of 63 new members of the Order of Canada. Recipients will be recognized in a ceremony in Ottawa tomorrow. Ms Letourneau will also be recognized at the April 10, 2001 board meeting.

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

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #8 – February 13, 2001 - Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Kennedale School Program - Received for information.

G. **Recognitions:**

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

H. **Reports:**

4. Presentation – City Council’s *Vision for Social Well-Being and Quality of Life*
Received for information.

5. Delegation Re Eastwood School Junior High Program
 - a) Heard presentation by delegation.
 - b) The following recommendations were approved.
 1. That the board's rules with respect to the response to delegations at the next public board meeting be suspended such that the board can consider the presentation this evening as part of the consultative process; and
 2. That the administration be instructed to consider the concerns expressed and information provided by the parent representative from Eastwood School regarding the junior high program in the further development of the City Centre Education Project.
6. Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 20, 2001)

Approved recommendations re

 - confirmation of designations - principals
 - trustee professional development allocation
7. J. Percy Page Technology Centre: Capital Project Proposal

The item was referred to the March 6, 2001 conference committee meeting.
8. Military Work Experience

Approved recommendation.
9. Clareview Head Start Proposal on the Overlanders School Site

Received for information.
10. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Hansen noted that he had attended the Duke of Edinburgh's Award *Young Canadians Challenge* Bronze Ceremony on Friday, February 16, 2001 at the Centre for Education. Thirty-seven district students mostly under the tutelage of Shaune Haines, completed a number of challenging requirements over an extended period of time, involving the four sections of community service, skill development, physical fitness and expeditions to earn the bronze level of this prestigious honour. He noted that a majority of the students are Aboriginal and of the students originally enrolled in this program, 100 per cent are still in school.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Doug Luellman, president CUPE Local 474, provided a copy of the Local's brief entitled "2001 Budget Brief Reply" which contains a review of issues raised by the Local since 1996 in their budget briefs to board. He noted that the communications between the Local and the administration had greatly improved in that time. However, the Local would like the board to take action on some of the issues the Local has raised. He looks forward to the administration's response to the Local's brief.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.