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- Board Meeting #6 -

Minutes of a board meeting of the trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, February 13, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees:

Bill Bonko
Carol Anne Dean
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Svend Hansen
Janice Melnychuk

George Nicholson
Terry Sulyma
Don Williams

Officials:

Emery Dossdall
Ken Dropko
Shirley Stiles
Angus McBeath
Gary Reynolds

Lorraine Boggs
Bev Crossman
Vlad Eshenko
Philip Grehan

Ken Marshall
Ellen Ogilvy
Bonnie Zack

Chairman: D. Fleming

Board Secretary: A. Sherwood
Recording Secretary: M. Fraser

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers: P. McNab
CUPE Local 474: D. Luellman
CUPE Local 3550: T. Grebenstein

A. O Canada

Students from Holyrood School sang O Canada.

B. Roll Call: (6:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood advised that all other trustees were present.

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C. Communications from the Board Chairman

The chairman provided a reminder that February 12-18, 2001 is officially Random Acts of Kindness Week. The board has endorsed and recognized Random Acts of Kindness Week since 1996. Information has been distributed to schools to share with staff and students on possible random acts of kindness activities. The board encourages everyone to recognize and participate in Random Acts of Kindness Week. Hopefully kindness is something we practice throughout the year.

The chairman advised that at the Smart City Awards Luncheon held on January 31, 2001 Edmonton Public Schools was the recipient of two Smart City Awards. The first award was the City of Edmonton Quality of Life Award which was awarded to the Dickinsfield Community Partnership. This award is for an individual or organization that has significantly enhanced the quality of life in Edmonton through the development and implementation of cultural, social, or recreational programs, sporting activities, or facilities for cultural or sporting activities. The second award was The Edmonton Journal Innovative Teaching Award which was awarded to the MicroSociety in the Oliver Elementary Program. This award is for an educational institution that has incorporated or developed a new learning methodology or leading edge technology to enhance the learning experience for students.

The chairman noted that, on February 1, 2001, a signing ceremony was held at Centre High to celebrate the collaborative partnership they have developed with NAIT and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. The basis of this partnership is that NAIT will provide accessible post-secondary educational opportunities to interested students, and encourage students to develop connections with the business community through the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. The ultimate purpose of this mutually beneficial partnership is to prepare students for their transition into post-secondary education and today's challenging workplace.

D. Communications from the Superintendent – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #6 – January 30, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #6 held January 30, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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2. Board Meeting – February 6, 2001

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the minutes of the board meeting held February 6, 2001 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Holyrood School: Character Education Program

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

“That the report entitled ‘Holyrood School: Character Education Program’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Reports:

4. Response to Delegations from Central McDougall Community League and Immigrant Neighbourhoods Community Planning Association

MOVED BY Trustee Dean:

- “1. That the request of the delegation from the Central McDougall Community League to delay the formal consultation process related to the City Centre Education Project be denied.
2. That the request of Mr. Emil van der Poorten to consult the Queen Mary Park and Central McDougall Community Action Coalition and the Immigrant Neighbourhoods Community Planning Association about the City Centre Education Project be approved.”

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #1.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The chairman called the question on Recommendation #2.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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5. Delegation – Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association

Ms Liz Sawada and Ms Kerine Aransevia, representatives of the Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association, made their presentation.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. Delegation – Parent Representatives – John A. McDougall School

Ms Margaret Mackenzie and Mr. Don Watt, representatives of parents from John A. McDougall School, made their presentation.

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Delegation – Parent Representatives – John A. McDougall School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Hansen:

- “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 give its response to the delegations this evening.**
- 2. That the administration be instructed to consider the concerns expressed and information provided by the Queen Mary Park Parents’ Association and the Parent Representatives of John A. McDougall School in the further development of the City Centre Education Project.”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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7. City Centre Education Project – School Closure Process

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

- “1. That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and board-mandated processes to consider the feasibility of:
 - a. Closure of Alex Taylor School,
 - b. Closure of John A. McDougall School,
 - c. Closure of the junior high program at Eastwood School
 - d. Closure of Queen Mary Park School, and
 - e. Closure of the junior high program at John A. McDougall School.**

- 2. That in conjunction with recommendation number 1, the administration provide information and bring forward recommendations regarding:
 - a. Programming and inter-agency initiatives arising from the City Centre Education Project,
 - b. Modernization of city centre schools,
 - c. Transportation service to facilitate implementation of the City Centre Education Project, and
 - d. Other matters related to the implementation of the City Centre Education Project”**

The chairman called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The board took a break at this point.

8. Request for International Spanish Academy Alternative Program

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the establishment of the International Spanish Academy alternative program from kindergarten to grade twelve beginning September 1, 2001 be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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9. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Networking Technology

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the locally developed course, Networking Technology 25/35 be approved for use in Edmonton Public Schools.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

10. ASBA Proposal Regarding Minority Faith Education

MOVED BY Trustee Melnychuk:

“That the Minister of Learning not change the *School Act* provisions relating to the formation of separate school jurisdictions be approved.”

The chairman called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Bonko, Dean, Fleming, Hansen, Melnychuk, Nicholson, Sulyma and Williams

OPPOSED: Trustee Gibeault

The Motion was CARRIED.

11. Programming for Senior High School Students with Special Needs and Students at Risk, 2000-2001

MOVED BY Trustee Bonko:

“That the report entitled ‘Programming for Senior High School Students with Special Needs and Students at Risk, 2000-2001’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

12. Response to Presentations by CUPE Local 3550, CUPE Local 474, Edmonton Public Teachers, CUPE Local 784 and Exempt Staff

MOVED BY Trustee Sulyma:

“That the report entitled ‘Response to Presentations by CUPE Local 3550, CUPE Local 474, Edmonton Public Teachers, CUPE Local 784 and Exempt Staff’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

14. Bereavement

The vice-chairman reported on the death of Miss Shirley Ann Moskol, a teacher.

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the report be received with regret and the actions of the administration in this regard be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports **•Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Melnychuk reminded trustees of the ASBA Zone 23 general meeting this Friday. There will be a panel discussion in the afternoon regarding what various districts are doing regarding serving the needs of students who are expelled or suspended. The district will have one or two people on the panel and she encouraged trustees to attend.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Steve Brodie, a member of PACT (Parents Advocating for Children and Teachers), advised that PACT and the ATA through Edmonton Public Teachers and Edmonton Catholic Teachers would be holding a number of education-related forums throughout the district during the provincial election campaign. Trustees were asked to attend any or all the forums and to let the Local know if they are planning to attend so that the moderator can announce them. The dates, times and locations will be provided by the Local shortly.

Mr. Doug Luellman, President CUPE Local 474, expressed concern that the Local had not been consulted with respect to the Community Access Program (CAP). He requested that the board monitor the program to see that custodians are not being asked to do more with less when the schools are benefiting from federal funding. He distributed a five-page briefing outlining the Local’s concerns to trustees.

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Mr. Warren Champion, President Central McDougall Community League, noted that the issue of integration between Central McDougall and Queen Mary Park communities had been raised during the evening’s delegation presentations. From his perspective, there has never been an issue of cooperation between the communities and he would not want to see communities pitted against communities.

Mr. Champion noted, with respect to the consultation process, that the City has a long history of community-driven consultation and he suggested that the district’s consultation process should be developed in consultation with the stakeholders. He noted, for example, that dates had been set for small meetings with several groups such as with the Cambodian community, however that community was not consulted in terms of whether this date would meet their needs.

MOVED BY Trustee Williams:

“That the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

DATE	MEETING	COMMENCEMENT TIME
Tuesday, February 27, 2001	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.

The chairman stated that without objection, in his absence and the absence of the vice-chairman next week, Trustee Hansen will serve as acting board chairman. Trustee Sulyma, as conference committee chairman, will serve as the board’s spokesperson. **(UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

M. Adjournment: (9:05 p.m.)

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary