



**Summary of Board Meeting #7  
Held Tuesday, February 8, 2011**

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

**B. Roll Call:** All Trustees were present. Trustee Shipka participated in the meeting via Skype.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

1. The Board Chair advised that the Board provided input for the ASBA's submission to the *Education Act*. This was provided at the January ASBA Board of Directors meeting, of which he is the Board's representative. A copy of the Board's submission will be posted on-line as part of the Board Chair's communications for this meeting.
2. The Board Chair advised that, next week (February 14th to 20th), 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 -- which would be very much appreciated this year in particular. Hopefully kindness is something practiced throughout the year.
4. The Board Chair advised that, yesterday, he attended and brought greetings on behalf of the Board to the media launch of the Mayor's Community Sustainability Task Force. He noted that representatives on the Task Force include Trustees from Edmonton Catholic and Public Schools, the Minister of Education, members of City Council and members of the community.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #6 – January 25, 2011 – Approved as printed.

## **F. Recognition**

2. An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program

Approved recommendation.

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

1. Ms Wen Kauffman spoke to the response to TT#41 in the Responses to Trustee Requests for Information report. She provided information to the Board Secretary.
2. Mr. Richard Le Sueur, Resource Development Coordinator Alberta Food Banks, advised the Board of a birthday wish by Caige Hancen from Bassanno, Alberta for as many school children in Alberta to bring a can of food to school on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to support their local food bank. He asked that the Board consider providing this information to district students about this initiative. He also asked for assistance from the Board in approaching other school boards in the province. He provided information to the Board Secretary.

The Board Chair advised that a response to Mr. Le Sueur would be provided at the next board meeting.

3. Mr. Todd Heron, co-founder of the Capital Club which is for LGBTQ professionals, also spoke with respect to the response to TT#41 in the Responses to Trustee Requests for Information report. The Capital Club seeks to build bridges between Edmontonians and the LGBTQ community.

## **H. Reports**

3. Report #4 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held February 1, 2011)

Approved recommendation.

4. Declaration of Surplus Schools

Approved recommendation.

5. Aspen Program at Woodside Home Name Change

Approved recommendation.

6. L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Name Change
  - a) The Board heard from Ms Joan Conniff, Co-Chair L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy School Council.
  - b) Approved recommendation.
  
7. Response to the Literacy and Learning Day Society of Edmonton Delegation
  - a) The Board heard from Ms Wendy Keiver, President Literacy and Learning Day Society.
  - b) The Board approved the following amended recommendations:
    1. That Literacy and Learning Day Society Conference material be distributed to district parents via District communication vehicles be approved.
    2. That the District provide communications to district parents advising of the Literacy and Learning Day Society Conference be approved.
    3. That the request for a \$5,000 donation (Double Platinum Level) in support of the Literacy and Learning Day Conference being held April 9, 2011 be approved.
  
8. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.
  
9. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports
  - a) Trustee Cleary reported that she will be serving on the Alberta School Boards Association for Languages Education (ASBALE) Bursary Selection Committee.
  - b) Trustee Cleary reported that she had her first quarterly meeting with the Mill Woods Community Advisory Council which represents the 26 school councils in Ward I. The next Council meeting will take place April 21, 2011.
  - c) Trustee Spencer reported on the February 3-5, 2011 meetings of the Public School Boards' Council (PSBC).

- d) Trustee Ripley, Chair of the District Priorities Committee, reported that the public consultation sessions regarding input into the District Mission, Vision, Beliefs and Priorities have concluded. She thanked the Communications Department for their efforts.
- e) Trustee Ripley reported that, on Saturday, she and Trustees Janz, MacKenzie, Johner and Cleary attended the Chinese New Years' Celebration put on by the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association.
- f) Trustee Johner reported on January 28, 2011 ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting. She noted that the March 24<sup>th</sup> ASBA Zone 23 General Meeting is also scheduled for MLA advocacy.
- g) Trustee Johner reported that, on January 28, 2011 she attended the first graduation ceremony of two students from Howard House.

**I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - See TT#68 to #70 below.**

**J. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Hoffman served notice of the following motion

*That the Board establish an Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee that will develop a list of recommendations for the Administration to consider implementing in an effort to identify the scope and reduce the extent of bullying in Edmonton Public Schools. The Advisory Committee would consist of one Trustee, a member of Central Administration who specializes in this area, one active staff member of school, one high school student, one elementary school parent and one person from the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities. The Committee would provide recommendations to the Administration by May 31, 2011.*

Trustee MacKenzie served notice of the following motion:

*That the Advocacy Committee consult with the Edmonton Catholic School Board on their latest postcard campaign for adequate, predictable and sustainable provincial funding and, in the context of our broader advocacy efforts, consider making a recommendation to the Board for the development of a comparable EPSB-appropriate document.*

Trustee MacKenzie requested that a copy of the Edmonton Catholic School Board document be provided as background to the motion.

**K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM BOARD MEETING #7 HELD  
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

<b>TT#</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Request</b>
068.	Ken Shipka	That the Administration consult with the public who attend board meetings, including those who participate electronically, regarding any impact of moving from evening to daytime meetings. Further, that Administration confer with senior staff and the Board Chair to ascertain the most effective time, day, and frequency of public daytime meetings, and recommend to the Board when such meetings could take effect.
069.	Leslie Cleary	What is the criteria necessary to expand the Chinese Bilingual to the new schools in south west Edmonton and in the Southeast in Summerside and Ellerslie scheduled to open in 2012.
070.	Cheryl Johner	Provide the status of the work done on the following motion approved at the May 11, 2010 board meeting: <i>That the Board develop a policy articulating the values and principles for setting attendance areas including to be closest to where students live.</i>