

**Summary of Board Meeting #10
Held Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

A. O Canada:  (2:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

- The Board Chair advised that February 13 to 19th is *Random Acts of Kindness Week*. The Board has endorsed and recognized Random Acts of Kindness Week since 1996.
- The Board Chair advised that Donald Massey Teacher Cheryl Lafayette received a Physical Education award from the Alberta Teachers Association at the Ever Active Schools Shaping the Future Health Conference in Kananaskis in January.
- The Board Chair advised that he attended the Gala Evening to celebrate the Chinese New Year and the Confucius Institute of the Year Award on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eva O. Howard Theatre at Victoria School. He noted the Central China Normal University Art Troupe performed at the Gala. The Troupe is sponsored by the Confucius Institute of Beijing. He noted that the seven hundred tickets were sold with 100 people on a waiting list.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

- Assistant Superintendent Parker advised that Superintendent Schmidt would be absent from the meeting due to illness and has sent his regrets.
- Assistant Superintendent Parker noted that the District's Long Service Reception will be held at the Winspear Centre Thursday, February 16, 2012.
- Assistant Superintendent Parker noted there were several errors contained in Report #12 – Update re Achievement Performance of Students from Closed Schools (Response to Trustee Request #137) with respect to the district PAT data. The report will be corrected and brought to the February 28, 2012 board meeting.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – January 31, 2012

Approved as amended (correction on page 4 regarding the vote on sustaining the ruling of the Chair – Trustee Ripley voted in favour and Trustee Hoffman voted in opposition.).

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

G. Reports

2. School Closure Moratorium Committee Recommendations

- a) The Board heard from the following individuals:
 - Ms Keri Walmsley, parent Mill Creek School
 - Mr. Mike Lantane, Chair Esther Starkman School Council
- b) Recommendation #11 (*That the Board give first priority in the Three-Year Capital Plan to modernization of existing school buildings.*) was approved.
- c) Recommendation #12 (*That the Board engage in discussion with administration about the concept of strategically locating programs to encourage enrolment.*) was carried.

16. Student Accommodation Plans for Esther Starkman and Johnny Bright Schools (Response to Trustee Request #162)

- a) The Board heard from Ms Elaine Saxer-Gillies, parent from Johnny Bright School.
- b) Received for information.

3. Motion re District Space

- a) The recommendations will be included as part of the School Closure Moratorium Committee Recommendations report.
- b) Recommendation #1 was defeated.
- c) The following recommendation was approved: *That the Board engage in discussions with the Calgary Board of Education and the Province regarding the potential to right-size schools.*
- d) Recommendation #2 was defeated.

- e) Recommendation #3 as amended was approved: *That the Edmonton Public School Board find ways to collaborate with Edmonton Catholic Schools and explore the opportunities to have joint operations.*
- f) Recommendation #4 as amended was approved: *That the Board identify schools and educational programming to support in areas under revitalization by the City, share this information with the City, communities and other school boards in the province and advocate for commitment to these schools to give predictability to communities.*
- g) Trustee Hoffman requested that an update of the recommendations of the School Closure Moratorium Committee be provided. (See attached)

4. Locally Developed Courses – Film Studies 15-25-35 and Physics (AP) 35

Approved recommendation.

5. City of Edmonton – ELEVATE Report

Approved recommendation.

6. Instructional Fees (Response to Trustee Request #132)

7. Financial Literacy Training (Response to Trustee Request #138)

8. Qualitative Data (Response to Trustee Request #142)

9. Student Learning Services Reorganization Update (Response to Trustee Request #143)

10. District Award – Social Studies and Language Arts (Response to Trustee Request #152)

11. District Definition of Creativity (Response to Trustee Request #136)

13. Internal Advisory Committees (Response to Trustee Request #141)

14. Barriers to Schools Choosing a Modified Calendar (Response to Trustee Request #151)

15. Small School by Necessity (Response to Trustee Request #160)

17. Renting Non-District Space (Response to Trustee Request #165)

- a) Received for information.

b) Trustee MacKenzie requested the following information re Report #14 - Barriers to Schools Choosing a Modified Calendar (Response to Trustee Request #151):

- In the past 10 years, which schools have applied for a modified calendar and which have been denied and what was the rationale for the denial.
- Are there other reasons why schools might want a modified calendar not included in policy HCA.BP – Approval of the School Year Policy?

H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports - This information will be included in the minutes of the February 14, 2012 board meeting.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information (See TT#170 to #173)

- Trustee Cleary Through consultation with Junior Achievement of Northern Alberta, develop a report that would indicate the scope and depth that Edmonton Public Schools could partner to enhance the delivery of the JA programs delivered in schools. Identify any barriers that may exist to further development and any strategies that would be beneficial.

List the benefits involved in supporting JA by building closer ties in our district and what resources the district would expend in further partnership development.

- Trustee Hoffman Provide a brief report outlining some of the things we learned through the new school openings in September 2010 and how we are using this information to improve for our 2012 school openings.
- Trustee Hoffman Provide an analysis on the updated *Education Act* with regard to the anti-bullying section. This analysis should address how it relates to work currently undertaken in our district as well as plans to prevent bullying over the next two years.

- *NOTE: At the February 28, 2012 board meeting Trustee Colburn advised that he had spoken to the Superintendent regarding the written request for information with respect to pesticide use in the district he had submitted after the February 14, 2012 board meeting. He asked that this request be withdrawn. He submitted a revised request at the February 28, 2012 board meeting.*

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

M. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

School Closure Moratorium Committee – Approved Recommendations
from the January 31, 2012 and February 14, 2012 Board Meetings

Board Actions	City Council	Provincial Government	Federal Government
Space Utilization			
1. Advocate for a revision to the Plant Operations & Maintenance (PO&M) funding formula that is not per pupil.	-	√	-
2. Advocate for adequate, predictable and sustainable funding to address deferred maintenance and infrastructure maintenance renewal (IMR).	-	√	-
3. Advocate for a revision to the provincial Area Capacity and Utilization (ACU) formula to more accurately reflect the schools space available for educational purposes.	-	√	-
4. Work with partners to promote schools as community hubs (i.e. space for senior drop-in, stay at home parent groups)	√	√	-
5. Advocate for lease terms beyond one year.	-	√	-
Community Development			
6. Develop a formal process for both urban boards to meet with the City of Edmonton to address growth and development highlighting the need to promote smart growth and increase densification in established communities.	√	-	-
7. Initiate at least three joint discussions a year between the Board of Trustees, the City of Edmonton and the provincial government to discuss joint planning.	√	√	-
8. Advocate for family-friendly housing in mature neighbourhoods through new development or by providing housing for seniors so as to “free up” housing for families with children.	√	√	√

9. Encourage and support government incentives for retro-fitting older homes to make them more attractive to younger families.	√	√	√
Program Planning			
10. Give first priority in the Three-Year Capital Plan to modernization of existing school buildings.	-	-	-
11. The Board will engage in discussions with administration about the concept of strategically locating programs to encourage enrolment.	√	-	-

The following recommendations were also approved at the February 14, 2012 board meeting and are included as part of the School Closure Moratorium Committee Recommendations report:

1. That the Board engage in discussions with the Calgary Board of Education and the Province regarding the potential to right-size schools.
2. That the Edmonton Public School Board find ways to collaborate with Edmonton Catholic Schools and explore the opportunities to have joint operations.
3. That the Board identify schools and educational programming to support in areas under revitalization by the City, share this information with the City, communities and other school boards in the province and advocate for commitment to these schools to give predictability to communities.