



Summary of Board Meeting #5 Tuesday, January 16, 2001

- A. **O Canada** – Students from Dovercourt School sang O Canada.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman** - None.
- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**
 - 1. Board Meeting #4 – December 12, 2000 – Approved as printed.
 - 2. Board Meeting – December 19, 2000 – Approved as printed.
- F. **Focus on Student Achievement**
 - 3. Dovercourt School: Language Development Through Music
Received for information.
- G. **Reports:**
 - 4. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 9, 2001)
Approved recommendation re spokesperson for teacher negotiations.
 - 5. Eastwood School – Modified School Calendar
Approved recommendation.
 - 6. Response to Delegation for a Junior High School to Serve the Jackson Heights, Kiniski Gardens, Larkspur and Wild Rose Neighbourhoods
Approved recommendation.
 - 7. Response to the Twin Brooks School Committee Delegation
Approved recommendation.

9. City Centre Education Project

Received for information.

8. Delegation - L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

a) Heard presentation.

b) Mr. Hubert stated that his request is that the district terminate its agreement with the Armed Forces. If the board is unwilling to do this, he requests that the portion of his school taxes that support the Vimy Ridge Academy be removed from his tax assessment. To facilitate this, he requests that this amount be calculated and that this calculation be provided. On the basis of this calculation, he will forward to the City of Edmonton his public school tax assessment minus the amount that pays for Vimy Ridge Academy.

c) Trustee Hansen wished to go on public record as taking umbrage with the parallel drawn between the teachings of Jim Keegstra and the focus on Canadian studies at L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Mr. Hubert made in his presentation.

d) Response to the delegation to be prepared for the January 30, 2001 board meeting.

10. Student Information Management System

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Melnychuk asked that information be provided with respect to what happens in the case of substitute teachers and the SIS/SASI systems; e.g. the issuing of passwords, taking attendance.

11. Presentations on the Proposed 2001-2002 Planning and Operating Budget

- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance)
- Edmonton Public Teachers
- CUPE Local 474 (Custodial)
- CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)

a) Heard presentations.

b) Report regarding responses to employee groups will be prepared for the February 13, 2000 board meeting.

c) Presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators.

12. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2000 to November 30, 2000

Received for information.

13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

Trustee Melnychuk noted that ASBA Zone 23 would be meeting Friday, January 19, 2001. An advocacy luncheon meeting has been scheduled for the MLAs from Zone 23 (This Zone encompasses the area from Lloydminster to the border of British Columbia and includes 29 school boards). 20 MLAs will be attending. Three topics will be discussed: infrastructure funding, funding in general and special needs. The information collected from school boards across the Zone with respect to these issues will be presented. Trustees are working on many fronts to ensure, during this election time, that as much information as possible is provided to MLAs concerning issues facing education.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates: January 30, 2001 – 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.