



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting #5 Held Tuesday, January 16, 2007

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

B. Roll Call: All trustees were present.

All trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

The board chair introduced Mr. Bob Holt, who has agreed to assume leadership of the district's administration over the next few months until the board names a new Superintendent.

D. Communications from the Administration – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #4 – December 12, 2006

Approved as printed.

2. Board Meeting – January 10, 2007

Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement:

3. Winterburn School: A School in the Engaging Students through Differentiated Instruction AISI Project

Received for information.

G. Reports:

4. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 9, 2007)

Approved recommendations re:

- Funding for expelled students
- Collective Agreements with Support Staff, Custodial and Maintenance Staff

Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 10, 2007)

Approved recommendation re appointment of acting superintendent.

5. Outcomes of Annual Implementation Plan Sustainability and Program Fit Reviews

a) Received for information.

b) The board heard from the following speakers:

Quadrant 1 – (West) High Park, Grovenor, Coronation Schools

1. Ms Janice Gargas, President High Park School Council
2. Mr. Brandon Stewart, President High Park Community League
3. Ms Kim Patten, community member High Park School
4. Ms Karen Johnson, community member High Park School
5. Mr. Clare Peters, community member High Park School
6. Ms Cassandra Haraba, President Grovenor Community League
7. Mr. Brinton McLaughlin, community member Grovenor School

Quadrant 2 – (South) Lendrum, Mount Pleasant and Mill Creek/Ritchie Schools

1. Ms Karen Weis Bridges, President Ritchie Community League
2. Ms Bernadette DeSantis, on behalf of parents, Mill Creek/Ritchie schools
3. Ms Diane Ellendt-Cooper, Director Country's Finest Child Care Centre

Quadrant 3 – (North East) Newton, Mount Royal, Montrose

1. Ms Donita Couto, President Newton School Council
2. MLA Brian Mason regarding Newton School
3. Ms Gerry Hofs, Vice President Newton Community League
4. Mr. Damon Hebert, community member Newton School
5. Mr. Roland Provost, parent of child attending Newton School
6. Mr. David Johnson, President Montrose Community League

7. Corey Martell, community member Mount Royal School and also a member of the Save Our Schools Committee
8. Ms Corinne Underwood, parent of children attending Mount Royal School
9. Mr. Peter Brown, member of Montrose, Mount Royal and Newton Save Our Schools Committee
10. Ms Brenda Hovan, community member, Mount Royal, Montrose and Newton schools
11. Ms Karren Brown, community member, Mount Royal School

c) Trustee Colburn asked how many schools do not meet the district's acceptable level in terms of their audit scores.

6. Consideration to Close High Park, Mill Creek and Newton Schools and the Regular Program at Mount Pleasant School

Approved recommendation.

7. District Priorities 2005-2008

Approved recommendation.

8. FECA.BP – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource Policy Review

Approved recommendation.

9. Reallocation District Funds

Received for information.

10. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Keiver requested that information be provided on the number of student expulsions from junior high schools.

c) Trustee Gibson requested that in future quarterly reports a note be made if there has been any major reorganization of a central service department that has resulted in a change in staffing information.

11. Status of Trustee Initiatives in the 2005-2006 Approved Budget

Received for information.

12. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities – None.**

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Colburn requested that a report be prepared for board on the practices and policies related to school security.
2. Trustee Gibson requested an analysis of the impact on staff and the board if the start time of conference committee meetings was moved to 3:00 p.m.

K. Notices of Motion

The following motion by Trustee Nicholson was approved:

That the administration prepare a letter for the board chair's signature indicating the board's concern regarding the lack of a pedestrian overpass at Harry Ainlay School in light of the south LRT expansion.

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – 10:05 p.m.