



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUMMARY OF MEETING BOARD MEETING #6 TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2000

A. **O Canada** – district video.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman drew attention to a document that had been distributed to trustees from the ASBA entitled *Vision and Agenda for Public Education* which was released at a news conference today. The document is intended to stimulate discussion in Alberta about public education.

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

E. **Minutes**

1. Board Meeting #5 – January 11, 2000 - Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Mary Butterworth: Integration of Technology to Improve Student Achievement

Received for information.

G. **Reports:**

3. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 18, 2000)

Approved recommendations re:

- Appointment – Director, Communications
- Proposed Name – Aboriginal High School

4. Motion Re Capping of Property Taxes

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Melnychuk requested that the ASBA be provided with a copy of the chairman's letter for sharing with other school boards.

Trustee Sulyma requested that the chairman's letter also be shared with City Council.

5. Trustee Planning Initiatives

Received for information.

6. District Rates for 2000-2001

- a) Ms Deising noted a correction on page 9 of the report with respect to the 2000-2001 rate for print services. The cost is \$.0285 per impression.
- b) Trustee Fleming requested information regarding the cost of instrument rental over the past few years.
- c) Trustee Gibeault requested information on what proportion of the cost of supplying textbooks is covered by the \$51 textbook rental fee.
- d) Trustee Gibeault requested information on how the district's textbook rental and caution fees compare to Edmonton Catholic Schools.
- e) Received for information.

7. Expansion of the Cogito Program

Received for information.

9. Presentation on the Proposed 2000-2001 Planning and Operating Budget:

- Edmonton Public Teachers
- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)
- Exempt Staff

- a) Heard presentation.
- b) Report regarding responses to employee groups will be prepared for the February 8, 2000 board meeting.
- c) Presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators.

8. Presentation – Edmonton Space & Science Centre

- a) Heard presentation.

- b) Mr. Smith requested that the board provide a letter of endorsement with respect to the *Vision Beyond 2000: Developing Excellence for the 21st Century* initiative which may be used by the Edmonton Space & Science Centre for seeking corporate and community support.
- c) The administration will prepare a recommendation with respect to a letter of endorsement for the next board meeting on February 8, 2000.
- d) Trustee Dean requested that the report include a recommendation on ways to pursue, on behalf of the Edmonton Space & Science Centre, funding from the provincial and municipal governments.

10. First Quarterly Report: September 1, 1999 to November 30, 1999

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Gibeault requested information regarding what kind of student accidents are reported in the quarterly report.
- c) Trustee Nicholson asked for a breakdown of how many suspensions were in-school or out-of-school.

11. Response to Trustee Requests 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 Bonko requested information as to whether a master or doctorate degree obtained in an accelerated course out of province is given the same weight for promotions as a degree obtained in a conventional program.
- 2. Trustee Nicholson noted that it was reported at the ASBA Zone 23 meeting that approximately 25 percent of Alberta high school students are taking a second language program. What is the percentage of district high school students enrolled in second language programs? Has the number of students decreased in second language programs as a result of the Faculty of Arts no longer requiring a second language as a mandatory prerequisite?

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Meeting Type
February 8, 2000	6:00 p.m.	Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.