



**Summary of Board Meeting #6
Tuesday, January 27, 2004**

A. **O Canada** – Students from the Alberta School for the Deaf signed O Canada.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustee Nicholson was absent.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that Justice John D. Bracco, a former trustee in the 1960s, passed away this weekend. He noted that a bereavement report will be brought to the next public board meeting.

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

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #5 - January 13, 2004 - Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Alberta School for the Deaf (ASD): Character Counts

Received for information.

G. **Reports:**

3. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 19, 2004)

Approved recommendations re:

- Honorarium for Grade 12 honour students
- Roster for student expulsions and student reinstatements
- Renewal of the Superintendent of School's Contract of Employment with Edmonton Public Schools

4. Revised Timelines for 2004-2005 Planning Process

Approved recommendation.

5. Obesity in School Age Children

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Odynski provided a copy of a report for the administration regarding a study being conducted called *Action in Schools for Physical Education and Nutrition* and suggested that, prior to making a decision with respect to further action a copy of the final report be requested and reviewed.
- c) Trustee Bonko requested that information on the cost implications of options being considered be provided in the followup report.

6. Revitalization of Queen Elizabeth School

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Odynski suggested that the promotional materials include reference to the development of literacy skills to assist students in completing high schools.

7. Lease Revenue Distribution

Deferred to the February 10, 2004 board meeting.

8. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2004-2005 Budget:

- CUPE Local 474 (Custodians)
- Exempt Staff Liaison Committee
- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance)

- a) Received verbal presentations for information.
- b) Copies of the presentations were provided to the board secretary.
- c) A response to the staff group representative presentations will be prepared for the February 10, 2004 board meeting. Following this, the presentations and responses will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2004-2005 school year.

9. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Deferred to the February 10, 2004 board meeting.

10. Bereavement

Received with regret.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Martin reported that the Linkages Committee met last week. The focus of the discussion was changes to the *Child Welfare Act* and the implications for district schools.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Woodrow requested that an information report be brought to board regarding the findings of the feasibility study on a district foundation which will include a presentation by the consultant who undertook the study and an opportunity for trustees to ask questions.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.