



Summary of Board Meeting #6 Tuesday, January 30, 2001

- A. **O Canada** – Students from Meadowlark School sang O Canada.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - Trustee Hansen was absent.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**
1. The chairman advised that the superintendent will be the featured speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Thursday, of this week. Dr. Dosdall will be speaking on the topic: “Public Education: The Business of the Future”.
 2. The chairman advised that, today, Edmonton Public Schools announced a new name for Continuing Education with the launch of Metro Community College. The name reflects the quality of instruction provided, the accomplishments of graduates and the range of lifelong opportunities the district provides.
- Edmonton Public Schools has offered Edmontonians diverse learning opportunities, ranging from high school courses at night, to personal growth and career training courses for many years. Metro Community College is expanding its programming in all areas in step with community needs. There will be two new programs in the areas of tourism and in complementary health practices in the spring/summer edition of the Class Calendar. Repositioning Continuing Education as a College is a timely and necessary move which furthers the district's commitment to life-long learning.
- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**
1. Board Meeting #5 – January 16, 2001 - Approved as printed.
- F. **Focus on Student Achievement**
2. Meadowlark School’s Instructional Focus on Literacy – Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Response to Delegation – L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

Approved recommendation.

4. Protocol for Trustee Recognition at School or Public Events

Approved recommendation.

5. Policy Regarding Outreach and Transition Programs

Approved recommendation.

6. High School Examinations

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Gibeault requested that a copy of the Community Access Program Acceptable Use Policy be provided.

7. Community Access Program

Received for information.

8. Recruitment Diversity Statement

Received for information.

9. Presentation on the Proposed 2001-2002 Planning and Operating Budget:

• Exempt Staff Liaison Committee

a) Heard Presentation.

b) Report regarding responses to employee groups will be prepared for the February 13, 2001 board meeting.

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

13. Trustee Planning Initiatives

Received for information.

14. Changes to the Basis of Allocation for 2001-2002

Received for information.

15. District Rates for 2001-2002

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Bonko requested that information be provided regarding the large increase in the cost for mail delivery.
- c) Trustee Bonko asked that information be provided regarding when the recovery costs for the music enrichment programs will be at 50%. He also asked that information be provided regarding the music enrichment fees relative to the participation rates in the programs over the years. Have we seen a decrease in the participation rate due to the increasing costs of the music enrichment programs?
- d) Trustee Melnychuk asked that information be provided as to whether the direction to the district to charge and collect the GST on all after-hours rentals was a new requirement. Why would we be required to collect the GST on all after-hours rentals?

16. Establishment of the 2001-2002 Budget Planning Base

Approved recommendation.

10. Delegation – Central McDougall Community League

- a) Heard presentation.
- b) The delegation requested that the board direct the eight principals involved in the City Centre Education Project to rescind their advocacy and to partake in a joint and substantive consultation with representatives from each affected community before the formal and public school closure consultation process begins.
- c) Response to the delegation to be prepared for the February 13, 2001 board meeting.

11. Delegation – Immigrant Neighbourhoods Community Planning Association

- a) Heard Presentation.
- b) A petition was provided to the board.
- c) The delegation requested that the Queen Mary Park and Central McDougall Community Action Coalition be among those offered the opportunity of participation in any consultation process that may take place to any final decision on the closure of John A. McDougall School.
- d) Response to the delegation to be prepared for the February 13, 2001 board meeting.

12. City Centre Education Project - School Closure Process

- a) Recommendation 1 was amended as follows:

That the administration be authorized to undertake the provincial and board-mandated processes to consider the feasibility of:

- a. **Closure of Alex Taylor School,**
 - b. **Closure of John A. McDougall School,**
 - c. **Closure of the junior high program at Eastwood School,**
 - d. **Closure of Queen Mary Park School, and**
 - e. **Closure of the junior high program at John A. McDougall School.**
- b) The report, as amended, was deferred to the February 13, 2001 board meeting.

17. 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

Mr. McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, advised that Edmonton Public Teachers, Edmonton Catholic Teachers and PACT, will be sponsoring education forums in each of the 19 provincial constituencies beginning the second week of the election campaign. Trustees will be provided with further information once the dates and locations of the forums have been confirmed.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Melnychuk requested a copy of the response to Trustee Bonko's question regarding the geographic areas in the city Victoria High School students are drawn from.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates: Board – Tuesday, February 13, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.