



**Summary of Board Meeting #8  
Held Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

**A. O Canada:  (2:00 p.m.) – District O Canada Video**

**B. Roll Call:**

The Board Secretary advised that Trustee Colburn would be joining the meeting later in the afternoon. All other Trustees were present.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

- The Acting Board Chair advised that January 18, 2012 is Maintenance Workers' Appreciation Day. The District placed an advertisement in both the *Edmonton Journal* and *Edmonton Sun* acknowledging and thanking district members of CUPE Local 784 for their ongoing contributions to creating safe, comfortable and healthy environments in which students and staff can learn and work.

**D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

- The Superintendent reported on the recognition of the Confucius Institute of Edmonton by the Confucius Institute Headquarters of Hanban, the foreign education department of the Peoples Republic of China. Each December, at the Confucius Institute Conference in Beijing, the Chinese government through Hanban recognizes the efforts of the Confucius Institute's global for their work in Chinese language development and extending Chinese cultural, historical and artistic knowledge more broadly. The Confucius Institute of Edmonton, through the excellent work of its leadership, the visiting teachers from China, and the work of principals and teachers in schools hosting the district's 14 Confucius classrooms is an indicator of excellence in programming for district students and the wider community. As Superintendent, he is proud of staff efforts and accomplishment in this regard.

- The Superintendent advised that he, along with his executive team, will be working in Britannia School tomorrow morning. This is happening as a result of a United Way raffle event that Britannia won. His group will be going into classrooms to support instruction, and will work with support and custodial staff in support of and recognition of the great work district staff does everyday and in support of the United Way, whose financial investment assists numerous agencies that provide direct support to students and their families.

#### **E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #7 – December 13, 2011

Approved as printed.

#### **F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

#### **G. Reports**

2. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held January 10, 2012)

Approved recommendation.

4. Review of Board Policy HA.BP – Student Programs

The item was referred to the Policy Review Committee.

5. Review of Board Policy GB.BP – Authority for Human Resources Decisions

Approved recommendation.

#### **C. Communications from the Board Chair (Continued)**

- The Board Chair reported on his recent trip to China with the Superintendent for the recognition of the Confucius Institute in Edmonton as the Confucius Institute of the Year by the Government of China. He expressed appreciation for the hospitality that was shown. He also commended the efforts of all of the staff at the Confucius Institute in Edmonton and, in particular, Dr. Stuart Wachowicz, Director, and Dr. Wei Li, Assistant Director.
- The Board Chair advised that he would be attending the Metro Board Chairs meeting on January 27, 2012 in Calgary. They will also be visiting the Calgary Reception Centre for New Immigrants.

3. Motion re Metro Research

The Board approved the following motion: *That the Board support the development of focused research in one or more of these priority priorities -- ELL, FNMI and early learning -- in conjunction with other Metro districts and the Community University Partnership. Identification of best practices will be one of the outcomes of this research.*

6. Review of Board Policy JBC.BP – Communications Framework (formerly titled News Media Relations)

Approved recommendation.

7. Review of Board Policy FED.BP – Capital Projects

Approved recommendation.

8. Review of Board Policy IC.BP – Student Accommodation

Approved recommendation.

9. Fall 2011 Update to the 2011-2012 Budget – Revised

Received for information.

10. Number of Results Review Meetings Trustees Attended  
(Response to Trustee Request for Information #118)

11. Metro Boards' Student Engagement Practices  
(Response to Trustee Request for Information #126)

12. Budgetary Impacts of Opening Bessie Nichols and Michael Strembitsky Schools  
(Response to Trustee Request #127)

13. Mental Health Strategy Framework  
(Response to Trustee Request #131a)

14. Lieutenant Governor's Circle on Mental Health and Addiction  
(Response to Trustee Request #131b)

15. Comparison of Edmonton and Calgary School Districts Unused Student Space  
(Response to Trustee Request #134)

16. Section 11.1 of the Alberta Human Rights Act  
(Response to Trustee Requests #148 and #149)

17. Report on the Work Communications is Doing to Support All Schools  
(Response to Trustee Request #153)

a) Received for information.

- b) Trustee Spencer requested the following information re Report #15 with respect to the \$6.4 million allocation from the operating budget to support schools with less than 275 students.

How does this relate to the money received from the province specifically for small schools? Is this in addition to the provincial funds?

18. Bereavements

Received with regret.

**H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

*This information will be included in the minutes of the January 10, 2012 board meeting.*

19. Participation in Commit to Kids

20. Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities – Summary of Feedback, Community Meeting, October 28, 2011

Received for information.

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

**J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.**

**K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Johner served notice of the following motion:

*That the Board undertake a full review of all its policies and update them using a standard framework.*

**L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

**M. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.**