



**Summary of Board Meeting #9
Held Tuesday, January 31, 2012**

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

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

- The Board Chair advised that The Alberta School Boards Association has issued its call for proposed policy positions for the 2012 Fall General Meeting. The Board's ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee (Trustees Colburn, Hoffman and Johner) will be meeting at the end of February to consider recommending new policy positions, or proposed amendments or deletions to the existing policy positions.

Trustees are asked to forward any proposed policy positions, amendments or deletions to the Board Secretary by February 20, 2012. The Administration is also being asked to consider suggested policy positions. The Committee will bring its recommendations to Board for submission to ASBA Zone 23.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

- The Superintendent advised that he met with the Executive Director of the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers. The Centre provides support and services to students and families. They will continue to explore better ways to integrate those services through schools.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #8 – January 17, 2012

Approved as printed.

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

G. Reports

2. Motion re Review of Board Policies

Approved the following amended recommendation: That the Board undertake a full review of all its policies and update them using a standard framework for process, content development, structure and format. That the review process and standard framework be developed by the Policy Review Committee and recommended to the Board for approval.

3. Selection of Trustee for the Policy Review Committee

Trustee Ripley was appointed as the third Trustee member of the Policy Review Committee.

4. School Closure Moratorium Committee Recommendations

a) The following is the disposition of the recommendations:

- Recommendations #1 to #5 were approved
- Recommendation #6 was defeated
- Recommendation #7 was approved as amended: *That the Board develop a formal process for both urban boards to meet with the City of Edmonton to address growth and development highlighting the need to promote smart growth and increase densification in established communities.*
- Recommendations #8 to #10 were approved
- Recommendation #11 was defeated
- Recommendations #12 and #13 were deferred to the February 14, 2012 board meeting.

b) Trustee Spencer requested that information be provided regarding the discrepancy between the actual costs of leases and what the District charges.

5. Instructional Fees (Response to Trustee Request #132)

6. Financial Literacy Training (Response to Trustee Request #138)

7. Qualitative Data (Response to Trustee Request #142)

8. Student Learning Services Reorganization Update (Response to Trustee Request #143)

9. District Award – Social Studies and Language Arts (Response to Trustee Request #152)

Reports #5 to 9 were deferred to the February 14, 2012 board meeting.

H. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

This information will be included in the minutes of the January 31, 2012 board meeting.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

- Trustee Hoffman
Provide a brief report outlining the “small school by necessity” funding formula as defined by the province. Include a list of the 76 small schools as defined by the formula with the 33 schools the provincial definition defines as “small school by necessity” highlighted.

- Trustee Cleary
Provide a copy of the report distributed by the JUA ombudsman to FMC partners and stakeholders with a brief synopsis of the district’s main accomplishments, challenges and relevant statistical information on the use of schools and school-site status changes. Also provide details of the Summer Access pilot project specifically around the hourly rate for custodial costs and whether this expense is creating any access barriers for some community users.

- Trustee Ripley
As a follow-up to the September 27, 2011 report on Student Accommodation Plans for Newer Subdivisions (Trustee Request #104):
 - Provide an update on which plan the Administration has selected to address the student growth enrollment pressures at Esther Starkman and Johnny Bright Schools for the 2012-13 school year and beyond.
 - What is expected enrollment at the schools this September?
 - Are there more than three kindergartens expected, and if so, how will these extra classrooms of children work their way through the school from K – 9?
 - Will the additional modulars ordered through last year’s Capital Plan meet the needs?
 - In addition, explain why these new schools are facing this over capacity situation so soon after opening.

- Trustee Colburn
Provide a feasibility report on the district implementing financial literacy education in our schools using the recommendations identified from the Ontario Government’s Working Group on Financial Literacy as a model.

- Trustee Colburn Provide information on any federal and provincial funding the district receives for ELL resources and staff supports and what opportunities might exist for further government funding in this area.
- Trustee Janz Why do we rent spaces outside of district properties when we have excess space?

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Janz served notice of the following motion:

That the Board approve and implement the following proposed recommendations:

1. *Assess existing infrastructure for the potential to right-size schools.*
2. *Explore shared staffing models to support small schools.*
3. *With support from Alberta Education, collaborate with Edmonton Catholic Schools and explore the opportunities to have joint operations inside of shared facilities.*
4. *Work with the City of Edmonton to identify schools to support in areas under revitalization by the City to give predictability to communities.*

L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

M. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.