

**Summary of Board Meeting #13**  
**Tuesday, June 19, 2001**

- A. **O Canada** – District Video
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustee Fleming was absent.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

1. **National Science Fair – Kingston, Ontario**

Advised that Tara Westworth and Kercelyn Gervais, Grade 8 students from the Nellie McClung Program Oliver site, received a "Silver" at the National Science Fair held in Kingston, Ontario. Their project examined the effect of road salt on Daphnia.

Tara and Kercelyn are putting together a presentation which may be chosen to compete in the International Science Fair. They have also been asked to present their Science Fair project at the opening of the newly renovated Edmonton Space and Science Center.

Stephanie Brass, another grade 8 student from the Nellie McClung Oliver Site, has been chosen to go to the National Heritage Fair being held in Kamloops, B.C. this summer.

2. **Gauss Math Contest Winners**

On June 7, 2001 Trustee Carol Anne Dean had the privilege of being one of the Master of Ceremonies for the Gauss Math Contest Winners. 62 of the top math students in Grade 7 and 8 in Edmonton were honoured at the Centre for Education. They were among 2,054 students from 46 public, Catholic and Francophone schools who participated in the Gauss Mathematics Competition. The Gauss contest is an hour-long exam which tests superior mathematical ability. This competition was founded by the University of Waterloo and has been administered annually across Canada.

Of the 62 math students who were honoured, 56 were from Edmonton Public Schools. I am also very pleased to announce that we had four district students who achieved a perfect score of 150. They are grade seven students--John Maidens from Kenliworth and Brian Yu from Grandview Heights and Grade 8 students – Alexander Chan and Matthew Michalchuk both from John D. Bracco.

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

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #12 – May 22, 2001- Approved as printed. (AS)

**F. Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) at Metro Community College  
Received for information.
3. Superintendent’s Student Advisory Team Activities 2000-2001  
Received for information.

**G. Recognitions:**

4. Prime Minister’s Awards for Teaching Excellence  
Received for information.
5. Advocate for Public Education – Award of Appreciation  
Students, parents, community members, government officials and trustees paid tribute to Dr. Dosedall.

**H. Reports:**

6. Report #16 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 12, 2001)

Approved recommendations re:

- independent accountant
- offer to purchase King’s College (Assumption Academy)
- board representative on the ASBA Board of Directors
- review of Trustees’ Manual

7. Report #17 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held June 12 and 18, 2001)

Approved recommendations re:

- acting superintendent of schools
- superintendent search committee
- executive recruitment firm

8. School Year Calendar

Approved recommendation.

9. Clareview Head Start Facility Agreement and Land Exchange on the Overlanders School Site

Approved recommendation.

10. Curriculum Additions

a) The locally developed course regarding Horsemanship 7/8/9 was referred to the administration to provide further information; e.g. health implications such as effect on people with allergies.

b) Approved recommendation.

11. New Social Studies Framework

Approved recommendation.

12. Curriculum Addition – Integrated Communications Technology (ICT) Foundation 7

Approved recommendation.

13. French as a Second Language (Grades 1 to 3)

Approved recommendation.

14. Mandarin Language Arts K-12

Approved recommendation.

15. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee  
Received for information.
16. Professional Development and Professional Improvement Leaves  
Received for information.
17. Board Approved Committee  
Received for information.
18. Concept Development Studies: Update  
Received for information.
19. Numeracy Initiative
  - a) Received for information.
  - b) Trustee Melnychuk believed that the concept development studies should be looking at a needs assessment of the entire community not just the programming needs of the students. She suggested seeking outside expertise in community consultation.
20. Alberta Language Enhancement Project  
Received for information.
21. School to Work Transitions Programming  
Received for information.
22. Character Education in Edmonton Public Schools  
Received for information.
23. Feasibility of an All Boys Program  
Received for information.
24. Investigating the Total Cost of Technology in Schools  
Received for information.

25. Blueprints for Success 2001 Conference  
Received for information.
26. Third Quarterly Report: March 1, 2001 to May 31, 2001  
Received for information.
27. Implementation of the Special Education Review  
Received for information.
28. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information  
Received for information.
29. Bereavement  
Received with regret.
30. Delegation of Authority – Summer 2001  
Approved recommendation.

**I. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Bonko presented a 1,802 name petition (unverified) from the Castledowns Association for a High School to the Board Secretary.

**J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

1. Peter McNab, president Edmonton Public Teachers, noted with respect to the report on Character Education that district schools teach Character Education through the teachers as role models and the curriculum.
2. He was pleased that the district will consult with stakeholders regarding revisions to the school year calendar. He believed he spoke for his members when saying that the option of spending \$1.5 million would be money well spent.
3. He noted that this would be his last board meeting before retiring and commended the board for their dedication in an often thankless job and the incredible work behind the scenes for public education.

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

L. **Notices of Motion**

Trustee Nicholson served notice of the following motion:

*That the administration develop a graduate student profile specific for Edmonton Public Schools.*

M. **Meeting Dates:**

Dr. Dosedall expressed his appreciation for the recognition at this his last board meeting by the community and the board. He wished the board every success in the future and conveyed his belief that Mr. McBeath will provide excellent leadership.

Date	Time	Meeting Type
Tuesday, September 11, 2001	6:00 p.m.	Board

N. **Duration of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. to 10:10 p.m.