


**Board Meeting #14**  
**Held Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

**A. Roll Call:** All trustees were present.

**B. O Canada:**  (6:00 p.m.) – Students from the Prince Charles Elementary Choir *Awasisak Nikamowak* (translates into children singing) sang O Canada.

1. Recognition of National Aboriginal Day

Received for information.



**C. Communications from the Board Chair** – None.

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

The superintendent advised that members of superintendent's council and the administration were present to answer questions with respect to the budget deliberations.

**E. Minutes:**

2. Board Meeting #13 – May 22, 2007- Approved as printed.

**F. Focus on Student Achievement:**

3. Michael A. Kostek School: Empowering Students Using Assessment for Learning – AISI Project

Received for information

**G. Reports:**

4. Report #16 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 22, 2007)

The following recommendations were approved:

- Confirmation of principal designation
- Central administrative designations
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- Ross Sheppard School: land exchange for transit centre

5. Motion re Student Transportation

The recommendation was not approved.

6. Motion re District's Three-Year Capital Plan

The recommendation was approved.

7. Board Self-Evaluation Process

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Hansen suggested that a future board evaluation committee consider reducing the number of indicators used.

8. Board Review of 2007-2008 Plans and Expenditures Budget

a) Discussion of 2007-2008 Plans and the 2007-2008 Budget

○ Discussion of and questions arising from school budget reviews

- elementary schools
- elementary/junior highs
- junior high schools
- senior high schools

○ Discussion of and questions arising from central services budget reviews

Trustees noted the following concerns identified at the school budget review meetings:

- there is not enough PO&M money to meet demand
- meeting the day-to-day maintenance needs of schools
- support is required to meet Occupational Health and Safety requirements
- the 3.2% provided by government will not be enough to maintain staffing levels if salaries go up
- a general increase in class size will take place in grades 4-12 next year
- obtaining the necessary number of supply staff on a timely basis

- children aged 2-5 with severe special needs receive a lot of support; however, when they reach school age the support disappears.
- Aboriginal students are spread out in schools across the district and require support
- ELL Centres provide excellent service in assessing students; however, once students are assessed the school must provide the necessary services
- a suggestion was made that immigrant settlement agencies could provide numbers of expected arrivals
- schools want the community to be able to access their facilities after hours; however, there isn't enough money to cover the costs
- even when schools are open to public through the Joint Use Agreement, the local community often times does not have access to the neighbourhood school
- parental and community involvement and feedback in the budget process is important – perhaps best practices can be shared
- the number of schools to be reviewed by trustees should be limited to allow sufficient time for discussion
- evening trustee budget and results review meetings should be scheduled in order to encourage attendance by the public

Trustees also noted the following from the school reviews:

- schools are pleased with services provided to English language learners
- the district is providing tremendous IT support to students and staff
- there are excellent mentorship programs taking place in district high schools such as Braemar, McNally and W.P. Wagner
- appreciation was expressed by the schools for the services provided by the district's maintenance staff

b) Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2007-2008 Budget - None.

c) Consideration of Trustee Motions to the 2007-2008 Budget - None.

9. Approval of the Proposed 2007-2008 Expenditures Budget

Approved recommendation.

10. Edmonton Public Schools' *Three-Year Education Plan 2007-10*

Approved recommendation.

11. 2008-2009 International Student Tuition Fee

Approved recommendation.

12. Review – Proposed Board Policy GBEA.BP – Occupational Health and Safety

Approved recommendation.

13. Review – Proposed Board Policy GBE.BP – Health and Wellness of Staff and Students.

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Colburn requested a copy of the policies and research on health and wellness that were reviewed in the preparation of Board Policy GBE.BP – Health and Wellness of Staff and Students.

c) Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding the comprehensive school health concept.

14. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

15. Delegation of Authority – 2007 Summer Recess

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Report to board September 11, 2007.

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

**• Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Esslinger advised that she had attended the luncheon and awards presentation of the Edmonton Journal's 2006/07 High School Basketball, Volleyball and Football All-Stars on June 5, 2007.

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

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

**K. Notices of Motion**

Trustee Hansen served the following notice of motion:

*That the administration develop a plan to advocate for students aged 2-5 currently enrolled in our early education programs such that they will continue to receive the same level of support for all government ministries once they reach 6 years of age and need to continue their education.*

**L. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.**

The board chair, on behalf of the board of trustees, acknowledged the tremendous work of district staff and their commitment to students during the past year. She wished everyone a safe and restful summer.

The superintendent noted that Executive Director Corinne McCabe, would be leaving the district to become the Superintendent in Chilliwack, BC. She will be greatly missed and he wished her the best.

**M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. – 9:50 p.m.**