




**Summary of Board Meeting #16
Held Tuesday, June 12, 2012**

A. Roll Call (2:00 p.m.): All Trustees were present.

B. Ta Kanata (O Canada): 

Ms Lorna L'Hirondelle, FNMI Consultant, Support for Staff and Students, and students Errol Crosby-L'Hirondelle and Sampson Laboucan sang Ta Kanata (O Canada).

C. Recognition of National Aboriginal Day

1. National Aboriginal Day – Received for information.

D. Communications from the Board Chair

This information will be included in the June 12, 2012 board minutes.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

This information will be included in the June 12, 2012 board minutes.

F. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #15 – May 22, 2012 – Approved as printed.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

- The Board heard from the following speakers:
 - Ms Sarah Hawkins re report #15 - District Turf Management
 - Dr. Raquel Feroe re report #15 - District Turf Management
 - Mr. Dale Hudjik re report #13 - Listing of School Buildings
 - Mr. Dave Harris - “zero grade” practice
 - Mr. Ronald Engen – “zero grade” practice
- The Board heard from Mr. Ed Butler, President Edmonton Public Teachers, who looks forward to a continued good working relationship with the Board and Administration. He wished everyone a good summer.

H. Reports

3. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 29, 2012)

Approved recommendation.

4. Motion re Reconsideration of Decision re ASCA Members

The motion to reconsider was defeated.

5. Approval of 2012-2013 Budget

Approved amended recommendation (the Budget Report was amended to add unknown settlements with staff employee groups to the Significant Business and Financial Risks - page 2, Appendix X.)

6. 2012-2013 Non-Resident Fees

Approved recommendation.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – 5:00 p.m.

- The Board heard from Mr. Michael Tachynski re the “zero grade” practice.

8. Energy Service (ESCO) Bylaw

Approved recommendation.

7. Policy Review Committee: Policy Review IEC.BP – Student Admission to the District

Approved recommendation.

9. Policy Review Committee: Policy Review AGA.BP – Recognition of Students, Staff, Parents and Community

Approved recommendation.

10. Policy Review Committee: Policy Review CH.BP – Framework for Policy Development and Review

Approved recommendation.

11. Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations

Received for information.

12. Initiatives re Environment (Information - Response to Trustee Request #174)

13. Listing of School Buildings (Information - Response to Trustee Request #175)

14. Guidance and Counselling Initiative (Information - Response to Trustee Request #190)

15. District Turf Management (Information - Response to Trustee Request #199)

16. Designated Schools (Information - Response to Trustee Request #200)

17. Alberta School Councils' Association (Information - Response to Trustee Request #204)

18. Feasibility of Term Limits for School Trustees (Information - Response to Trustee Request #206)

Received for information.

18. Delegation of Authority – 2012 Summer Recess

a) Approved recommendation.

b) A report will be brought back to the September 11, 2012 board meeting regarding actions taken by the Superintendent during the summer recess.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

This information will be included in the minutes of the June 12, 2012 board meeting.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

- Provide information regarding the policy and/or regulation that relate to non-resident fees. (Trustee Hoffman)
- Report #12 – Initiatives re Environment – which three schools adopted the organics recycling-composting programs? (Trustee MacKenzie)
- Approximately how many schools permit students to bring their smartphones to the classroom? What would be the benefits and the drawbacks about the District fostering students bringing their own portable technology to class so that every student could use their mobile device as a pedagogical tool? (Trustee Shipka)
- Provide information regarding the community engagement practices employed by the Vancouver School Board. (Trustee Cleary)

- Provide the following information regarding funding for FNMI students: (Trustee MacKenzie)
 - a description of the manner in which principals will report on how they spend their FNMI funding and what impact the funds are expected and demonstrated to have.
 - information about how the Board will be apprised of this information (i.e. will it be through Results Reviews? The annual report? A supplementary summary report?)
 - a description about how this information will be shared with various FNMI communities and about how feedback will be gathered to improve the administration of funds.
 - typical explanations that administrators give to students and families for why they might want to identify as FNMI if asked – what benefit it may have to their education.

- Would there be implications for the District, in particular around the budgeting process, if elections are moved from the fall to the spring? (Trustee Spencer)

- As the provincial government moves toward zero-based budgeting, to what extent is the practice used in the District? What would be the advantages and disadvantages of adopting the zero-based approach for decision units? (Trustee Spencer)

L. Notices of Motion

- Trustee MacKenzie served notice of the following motions:
 1. *That, beginning in November 2012, the Board hold weekly public Board meetings Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., and weekly Conference Committee meetings Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. as needed. There will be regularly scheduled breaks from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on days when Conference Committee meetings are held.*

 2. *That the Administration determine and implement a Work Load Assessment Tool for Trustees and the Board as a whole.*

 3. *That the Administration implement a mechanism for determining demand for alternative programs and language options among those families who do not yet have children in our programs. Including families with children who are 0-5 and families who have chosen to send their children to schools outside of the District as there is currently no public school with their desired program in their desired location.*

- Trustee Ripley served notice of the following motion:

That the Policy Review Committee review, as a first priority, the Capital and Accommodation Planning Principles used in the current Ten-Year Facilities Plan and any associated Board policies, and develop a coordinating Board policy to guide the renewal and revision of the Ten-Year Facilities Plan.

- Trustee Janz served notice of the following motion:

That the Board direct the Policy Review Committee to review policies related to student assessment to ensure clarity, consistency and to ensure that students are held to high standards.

**M. Next Board Meeting Date(s): Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Organizational Board Meeting
at 2:00 p.m.**

N. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.