



## Summary of Board Meeting #15 Tuesday, June 15, 2004

- A. **O Canada** – District Video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:10 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that Ellerslie School has been awarded the Emerald Award in the Education (School category) by the Alberta Foundation for Environmental Excellence in recognition of their outstanding initiative and leadership in the face of environmental challenges. The school was recognized at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerald Awards Ceremony held June 9<sup>th</sup>. Principal Scott Millar, staff, students and parents as well as Trustee Nicholson, who attended on behalf of the board, attended the ceremony.

Ellerslie School's campuses are involved in a broad range of environmental programs, activities and events that share a common goal to reduce the school community's "ecological footprint" through energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, school yard "greenscaping" and the enhancement of a unique wetland eco-system situated on part of the school grounds. Students, staff and community stakeholders have been actively involved, and teachers integrate curricular learning, environmental literacy and responsible citizenship with opportunities for active involvement in this natural setting.

- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Reports:**
1. **Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 25, and June 1, 2004)**  
  
Approved recommendations re:
    - Leadership Appointments
    - Appointment – Director Student Achievement Services
    - Appointment to Director Position
    - Leadership Appointment
    - Conference Committee Meeting Times

Report #11 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 15, 2004)

Approved recommendations re:

- Leadership Appointments
- Board Representative on the ASBA Board of Directors
- ASBA Awards

2. Character/Citizenship Education

Received for information.

3. Board Review of Revised 2002-2005 Plans and the 2004-2005 Budget

Comments from Trustees re Subcommittee Reviews

1. Trustees noted concern in the district regarding the impact of class sizes.
2. Trustee Bonko suggested that a letter be prepared for the chairman's signature to the provincial government with respect to the impact of the rise in the cost of natural gas.
3. Trustee Gibeault suggested conveying to the public a specific dollar value of \$7,500 per student of the \$611 Million budget to the public.
4. Trustee Woodrow raised the following concerns:
  - inconsistency of reporting monies raised by PAC groups
  - disparity between "have" and "have-not" schools
  - the need for clarification of how money raised through fundraising can be spent
  - reduction in minutes of music instruction.
5. Trustee Nicholson requested that Trustee Odynski's motion with respect with class size and the letter being sent to the Minister of Learning be shared with district staff.
6. Trustee Dean noted that schools expressed concern with the at-risk students being placed in large classes.
7. Trustee Hansen noted that schools raised concerns with respect to the impact of the:
  - requirement for second language
  - requirement for daily physical education.
  - grade 4 testing

a) Discussion of 2002-2005 Plans and the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget

- Discussion of and questions arising from school budget reviews
  - Elementary Schools
  - Elementary/Junior High Schools
  - Junior High Schools
  - Senior High Schools
- Discussion of and questions arising from central services budget reviews
  1. Trustee Martin requested that information be provided regarding how the healthy living initiative is being addressed in the budget.
  2. Trustee Nicholson believed that the consulting services budget requires an infusion of allocated funds.

The report was received for information.

b) Trustee Motions for Amendments to the 2004-2005 Budget

c) Consideration of Trustee Motions to the 2004-2005 Budget

1. A motion by Trustee Woodrow to restore the position of music consultant to 1.0 FTE and for the position no longer to be cost recovery was defeated.
2. A motion by Trustee Hansen to increase the exempt component of D.U. #387 (internal audit) was defeated.

4. Approval of the 2004-2005 Expenditures Budget

Approved recommendation.

5. Tenders – L.Y. Cairns School Essential Modernization 2003-2004

Approved recommendation.

6. Tenders – Hazeldean School Major Modernization 2003-2004

Approved recommendation.

7. 2004-2005 Non-Resident Fees

Approved recommendation.

8. Edmonton Public Schools' Three-Year Education Plan 2004-2007

Received for information.

9. Delegation of Authority – 2004 Summer Recess

Approved recommendation.

**F. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

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

**H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information- None.**

**I. Notices of Motion – None.**

**J. Next Meeting Date: September 14, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

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