



Summary of Board Meeting #14 Tuesday, June 18, 2002

A. **O Canada** – O Canada was sung by the elementary choir from Avonmore School.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that two students from Edmonton Public Schools and a former district Music Award Winner have been invited to perform at the Queen's Golden Jubilee Garden Levee hosted by Her Honour – Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole on Sunday, June 23, 2002.

The students are:

- Violinist – Ewald Chung – Dan Knott Student
- Pianist – Silas Yeung – Grandview Heights Student; and
- Soloist – Sarah Jefferies – former Ross Sheppard Student and District Music Award Winner

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

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #13 – May 21, 2002 - Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Avonmore School: A Look Inside the Work We Do - Received for information.

G. **Recognition:**

3. “An Act to Follow” Staff Recognition Program - Received for information.

H. Reports:

4. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 21 and June 11, 2002)

Approved recommendations re:

- Leadership appointments
- Appointment – Director, Facilities Services
- Tenders – Kildare School addition and renovations
- George P. Nicholson School lease agreements
- City purchase agreements for Beverly Heights, Strathearn and McQueen schools lands
- ATCO gas rebate allocation

Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 18, 2002)

Approved recommendation regarding appointment of the managing director, district technology.

5. Report on the Numeracy Initiative - Received for information.

6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided regarding the educational opportunities provided to those students in Marine Biology 25 who do not go on the field trip to the Bamfield Marine Research facility in British Columbia because of the \$500 to \$600 cost. Can students access the Victoria School Foundation for the Arts Endowment Fund to cover the costs of the field trip?

7. Framework for Character Based Citizenship Education

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Odynski referred to page 20 of the report and suggested that the heading Parent Council Involvement be changed to Parent Involvement and School Council Involvement.

8. Delegation Re Random Selection Process

- a) Heard presentation.
- b) Response to delegation to be prepared for the September 10, 2002 board meeting.

9. By-law No. 365 - Energy Conservation Retrofits - Approved recommendation.

10. Board Policy HJ.BP - Guidance and Counselling - Approved recommendation.

11. Board Policy HIBD.BP - School Library - Approved recommendation.

12. Edmonton Public Schools' Three-Year Education Plan, 2002-2005

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Gibeault suggested that a statement be included on page 28 of the report that the approved budget represents an investment of approximately \$7,000 per student.
- c) Trustee Hansen referred to the vision statement on page 4 of the report and noted it required revision to reflect the current district priorities.
- d) Trustee Woodrow referred to page 5 of the report and requested that longitudinal achievement data regarding how students had demonstrated a year's growth on the graded curriculum.

13. Review of French Language Instruction

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Hansen referred to the third bullet on the third page of the brochure and expressed concern with part of the statement that *it is important important that all students be required to learn French for at least part of their schooling.*

Mr. McBeath indicated that the administration would clarify the meaning of the statement so that there would be no misinterpretation that this will be a requirement.

- c) Trustee Odynski requested that information be provided on the budget regarding the renewal of French language programs.

14. Reading: Testing and Strategies Used at the Senior High Level - Received for information.

15. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information - Received for information.

16. Bereavement - Received with regret.

17. Delegation of Authority - Summer 2002 - Approved recommendation.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Martin noted that he and Gloria Chalmers had recently attended a Linkages Committee Meeting in the Capital Region. The Committee agreed to send a letter to Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, requesting that a change be made to the formula for calculating the capacity and utilization rate of schools taking into consideration such things as community use of school space for day cares and government-sponsored programs. A copy of the letter will be TM'd to trustees.
2. Trustee Odynski noted that she had attended a Edmonton Community Foundation's Annual meeting. The Foundation has produced a brochure which has been distributed along with its annual report regarding in-school mentoring. The brochure references Edmonton Public Schools' support for this program.
3. Trustee Odynski noted that she and Trustee Woodrow had attended a meeting last evening with school council representatives from Wards C and E to discuss establishing trustee-ward meetings. A steering committee has been established to pursue this further.

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Bonko requested that a report be provided regarding the feasibility of an all boys school.
2. Trustee Martin requested that information be provided regarding special needs testing and how this is funded by schools and is the cost a disincentive.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Meeting Date: September 10, 2002 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.