



**Summary of the Special Board Meeting  
Held Tuesday, June 26, 2012**

**A. Roll Call (1:00 p.m.):** All Trustees were present.

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

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

- The Superintendent advised that, as part of an Alberta-Education-sponsored investigation into alternate productivity tools, Edmonton Public Schools has produced a technical and practical implementation guide using Google Apps for education. Edmonton Public's *Guide to Going Google in Alberta* is based on the school authority's experience with the process and provides other school authorities with tips and advice on how to implement an authority-wide or district-wide Google solution. The on-line implementation guide is available at <http://googleguide.epsb.ca/> and is intended to provide both information and technology and district-level project management teams with the resources to successfully deploy Google Apps for education in their classrooms. Individuals are invited to add their own ideas and experiences on the site. He congratulated all of the staff involved.

**D. Reports**

1. Report #11 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held June 26, 2012)
  - a) Approved Recommendations #1 to #11.
  - b) Approved Recommendation #12 as amended. The recommendation was amended to read as follows: *That the use of up to \$1,303,469 of Capital Reserve funds to relocate six portable classrooms to each of Esther Starkman and Johnny Bright schools, be approved. That the Board communicate to the Minister that the practice of addressing infrastructure needs with capital reserve funds is, over time, unsustainable. The Board urges the Government to provide adequate funding to support our complex infrastructure needs.*
  - c) Approved Recommendations #13 and #14.

2. Motion re Review of Student Assessment Policies

a) The Board heard from the following speakers:

- Mr. Doug Senuik, who also provided written information to the Board
- Ms Bettianne Hayward
- Mr. Lynden Dorval
- Mr. Dan Tachynski who also provided written information to the Board on behalf of Mr. Mike Tachynski

b) The recommendation was approved as amended to read as follows: *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. The policy will also ensure that students must demonstrate proficiency and understanding in relation to Alberta Education's required curriculum.*

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

The Board heard from the following speakers regarding the “zero-grade” practice:

- Mr. Jacob Garber
- Mr. Tom Lincoln
- Mr. Greg Plouffe
- Mr. Doug Senuik
- Mr. Lawrence Seligman

**F. Duration of Meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.**