



Summary of Board Meeting #9 Tuesday, March 7, 2000

A. **O Canada** – Students from Parkdale School sang O Canada.

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

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman noted that Denise Shalagan and Lorraine Rutledge would interpret the meeting for deaf members of the audience.

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

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #8 – February 22, 2000 – Approved as printed.
2. Board Meeting – February 29, 2000 – Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

3. Parkdale School: Advisor Groups and Playground Safety

Received for information.

G. **Reports:**

4. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held February 29, 2000)

Approved recommendation re principal designation.

5. American Sign Language (ASL) Language Arts

Approved recommendation.

6. Extension of the Cogito Program (Division IV)

Approved recommendation.

7. Board Regulation GGB.BR – Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools

Approved recommendation.

8. Capital Approvals for Victoria and Westminster School

a) Received for information.

b) Trustees requested that the administration send a letter to the School Buildings Board seeking clarification of the following statement in their February 24, 2000 letter: *The SBB requests that the total capacity of the school be reduced to improve the school's utilization rate.*

9. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Fleming suggested principals be informed that there is a district information security coordinator who can provide assistance with respect to internet security.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Hansen reported that on February 24, 2000, he and Trustee Gibeault attended the signing ceremony for the partnership with NAIT and WP Wagner School. The partnership will provide some students with the opportunity to achieve advanced credits.

2. Trustee Melnychuk reported she had brought greetings on behalf of the board on March 1, 2000, at the celebration for the Ukrainian Program 25 Year Anniversary. The celebration was a tribute to the people and parents who believed this program was important and would foster both their culture and an appreciation for the multicultural nature of this city.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives - None

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Williams requested that administration provide information on how we monitor the awarding of CTS credits.

2. Trustee Hansen requested a report regarding the number of district students in Divisions I and II who have been identified as requiring speech and language pathology services; the number of students actually receiving assistance; and the average amount of time each student receives.

3. Trustee Melnychuk requested that an update regarding the funding for Amiskwaciy Academy be TM'd.

K. Notices of Motion:

Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

That the district's transportation policy be amended to make bus passes available at half the regular rate to elementary students enrolled in a program of choice at their neighbourhood school when that program of choice is no longer offered at that school and transportation is required to another location to continue in that program until the end of grade six. And further, that this policy change take effect for the 2000-2001 school year.

L. Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Meeting Type
March 21, 2000	6:00 p.m.	Board

- M. Duration of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.