



**Summary of Board Meeting #9
Held Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

A. O Canada:  (6:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair advised that today is the 100th Anniversary of International Women’s Day. The day was created as an opportunity to recognize women around the world for their political, economic, and social achievements. He added his own congratulations to all of the women working for the district, who make vital contributions to student learning, the work of public education and the success of Edmonton Public Schools.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

1. The Superintendent advised that there were a number of second-year principals in attendance. He noted this is their confirmation year.
2. The Superintendent advised that, yesterday, he attended a luncheon for Edwin Parr teacher nominees – these are first year teachers experiencing great success in their first year teaching and who have been nominated by their principal. The Board will acknowledge the District’s nominees at the March 22, 2011 board meeting when the District nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award is announced.

E. Minutes:

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Approved with correction on page 4 (outcome of motion should be CARRIED rather than UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED).

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Vincent Brulotte, a high school student, spoke in support of the motion regarding a policy for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual/Transgendered and Queer (LGBTQ) students and employees.

G. Reports

2. Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 1, 2011)

Approved recommendation.

3. Recommendation from the District Priorities Committee

a) The priorities were approved as amended.

- Priority #1 – Provide supports and program that *will* enable all students to complete high school.
- Priority #5 – Listen to staff, honour their contributions, and support their opportunities for *collaboration*, growth and professional development.

b) The Mission Statement was approved as amended:

We work with families and community partners to provide safe, *caring*, healthy, diverse, *inclusive* and equitable learning experiences that engage students to achieve their full potential in an increasingly interdependent world.

4. Motion re Policy for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual/Transgendered and Queer (LGBTQ) Students and Employees

a) The Board heard from the following registered speakers:

Mr. Kevin Schultz
Ms Ruby Swanson
Ms Thais McKee
Ms Carol Allan

b) The recommendation was approved.

5. Staff Group Presentations re 2011-2012 Budget:

- CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)
 - CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)
 - CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff)
- a) Received verbal reports for information.
 - b) Copies of the Locals' briefs were provided to Trustees.
 - c) A presentation from the district's exempt staff will be heard at the next board meeting.
 - d) The Administration will prepare a report in response to the staff group representative presentations. Copies of the response and the presentations will be disseminated to schools and central service decision unit managers for consideration in developing 2011-2012 plans.

6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

7. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

1. Trustee Ripley, the Board's representative on the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation Board of Governors, advised that there will be four more free lunch information sessions in the next two months. She urged Trustees to encourage people they know who haven't been in a school for a long time to attend one of the information sessions.

She also asked Trustees to save the evening of Wednesday, April 27, 2011 for a Foundation event – the *Ready to Shine?* student fashion show at Kingsway Garden Mall. The fashion show will highlight the work of fashion teams from district high schools.

She also encouraged Trustees to attend the *Ready for Life* breakfast Foundation fundraiser at 7:30 a.m. on May 12, 2011.

2. Trustee Hoffman reported that, last week, she attended the United Way Recognition Banquet with a number of members of the Administration and staff locals. She noted that the CUPE Locals 3550 and 474 both received a special award for the contributions their members have made to the United Way. Edmonton Public Teachers was also acknowledged at the event. She thanked the staff groups for their support.
3. Trustee Colburn reported that he attended the Camp fYrefly fundraiser the evening of March 5, 2011. Camp fYrefly is a camp for LGBTQ youth. He was pleased to see many members of Edmonton Public Schools at the event supporting this cause.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – See TT#76 below.

I. Notices of Motion

1. Trustee Johner served notice of the following motion:

That Trustees receive per diems when serving on Board committees or task forces when meetings exceed six, retroactive to the inauguration of the new Board.

Trustee MacKenzie requested that information in the Trustees' Manual regarding this be provided along with the motion.

2. Trustee MacKenzie served notice of the following motion:

That the Policy Review Committee examine our policy regarding lunch fees for the purpose of ensuring fairness and equity and clarifying expectations within the district. This review would include reviewing the lunch fee policies of other metro boards.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

K. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

TRUSTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM BOARD MEETING #9 HELD MARCH 8, 2011		
TT#	Trustee	Request
076.	Ken Shipka	Provide information on the benefits and drawbacks of a revised 2012-2013 school year calendar that would commence several days earlier and would have a fall break following Remembrance Day.