

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

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair – None.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #11 – February 23, 2010

Approved as printed.

F. Improving Student Achievement:

2. Improving Student Achievement Through Balanced Literacy Instruction

Received for information.

G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

1. Mr. Dale Hudjik requested that the Board consider the need for greater school space to meet the educational needs of students in the 21st century in their deliberations of the possible school closure.
2. Ms Madeline Rainey requested that the Board consider the impact on students in the inner city in their deliberations of the possible school closure.

H. Reports

6. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2010-2011 Budget
 - Exempt Staff
 - CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff)
 - CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff)
 - CUPE Local 784 (Maintenance Staff)
 - a) Received verbal reports for information.
 - b) Copies of the briefs were provided to the Board Secretary
 - c) The Administration will prepare a report in response to the staff group representative presentations and copies of the response and the presentations will be disseminated to schools and central service decision unit managers for consideration in developing 2010-2011 plans.

3. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 2, 2010)

Approved recommendation.

Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 9, 2010)

Approved recommendation.

4. Motion re Review of JGB.AR – Utilization of Surplus Space in Schools and the Development of an Accompanying Board Policy

The following amended recommendation was approved: *That, prior to the end of the Board's term, the Planning and Policy Committee develop a Board Policy regarding the utilization of surplus space in schools and that Administrative Regulation JGB.AR – Utilization of Surplus Space in Schools be reviewed.*

5. Reviewed Board Policies Recommended for Affirmation, Minor Wording Changes or Rescission

Approved recommendation.

7. Response to Board Request for Information

Received for information.

8. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

1. Trustee Esslinger reported that, on March 3, 2010, she and Acting for Superintendent Bruce Coggles attended the 3rd Annual High School Culinary Challenge. Thirteen culinary teams from high schools around Edmonton took part in the challenge. Jasper Place School received the gold medal and the Skill Centre received the bronze.
2. Trustee Huff reported that, on February 26, 2010, she and a number of Trustees attended the MLA Breakfast hosted by ASBA Zone 23. She commended the ASBA Advocacy Committee for their efforts in organizing the event and developing the presentations to the MLAs advocating on behalf of public education. She also commended Trustee Ripley for her involvement with that committee.
3. Trustee Huff reported that, on March 3, 2010, she and a number of Trustees attended the Annual Night of Music at the Jubilee Auditorium. She commended the organizers and the performers.
4. Trustee Huff reported that she and a number of Trustees have attended the two public meetings about possible school closure – March 4, 2010 at Eastwood and March 8, 2010 at McCauley School. She thanked the Administration for the new format of the meetings.
5. Trustee Huff reported that, next week, is Sexual Exploitation Week of Awareness. She is a member of the planning group. The colour in support of this week is orange.
6. Trustee Gibson reported that, on March 4, 2010, he attended the Grade 9 Leadership Class at Hillcrest Junior High Speak Out Session. He commended Malika Lahdka for organizing the session. He noted that Ms Lahdka sits on the Provincial Student Advisory Committee for Education Minister Hancock. He also expressed appreciation for the outstanding calibre of the students involved.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Huff requested that the Administration provide the most recent City of Edmonton data of preschool aged children for the following communities: Fulton, Capilano, McCauley, Parkdale, Eastwood, Delton and Spruce Avenue.

A majority of the Board concurred with the request going forward.

2. Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding vulnerable students: identifying the needs of vulnerable students, how we identify our most vulnerable students, and how do we support the needs of our most vulnerable students.

A majority of the Board concurred with the request going forward.

J. Notices of Motion

1. Trustee Huff served notice of the following motion:

That the provincially calculated ACU be discontinued as a capacity measure for sector reviews and that the Administration provide rationale supporting either ACOL or OEL in place of the ACU.

2. Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That a district health and wellness committee be created consisting of Trustees, administration, and representation from all staff groups and that the mandate of the committee to oversee and support the health and well being of students and staff.

K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

L. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.