



**Summary of Board Meeting #12  
Held Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

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

**B. Roll Call:** Trustee Gibson was absent.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair advised that consultation is currently underway regarding Alberta Education's Setting the Direction for Special Education in Alberta Phase 2. Parents, staff and community members are invited to provide feedback on the Edmonton Public Schools draft district response by noon on March 16, 2009. There will be public meetings held on March 20 and 21, 2009. Further information can be obtained from the Alberta Education website.

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

The Superintendent advised that McArthur and Ecole Richard Second Schools will be receiving an award from the Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL) for the work of staff in implementing and supporting quality inclusive education to students with developmental disabilities.

**E. Minutes:**

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Approved as printed.

**F. Improving Student Achievement:**

2. Improving Student Achievement at Belmont Elementary School

Received for information.

## **G. Improving Student Achievement:**

3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award
  - a) Received for information.
  - b) Clare Cumberland, J. Percy Page School, was announced as the District's nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

## **H. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:**

4. District Enrolment Outlook and Impact of ASAP Schools

Received for information.
5. Presentations from Staff Group Representatives re 2009-2010 Budget:
  - CUPE Local 474 (Custodial Staff)
  - Edmonton Public Teachers
  - a) Received verbal reports for information.
  - b) The Administration will prepare a report for the March 24, 2009 board meeting in response to the staff group representative presentations.
6. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

## **I. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports:**

7. Report #2 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held March 3, 2009)

Approved recommendation.

8. Report #8 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 3, 2009)

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Colburn requested that the District response to the ASBA Infrastructure Survey be provided to the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues.

The Board concurred with the request.

- c) Trustee Gibeault suggested that the Board Chair, in her capacity as a member of the ASBA Infrastructure Committee, incorporate the Premier's suggestion of borrowing when interest rates are low and labour is readily available to address infrastructure concerns.

The Board concurred with the suggestion.

9. Board Policy Review – DA.BP Fiscal Oversight and Management

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Report to be prepared for March 24, 2008 Board Meeting for third consideration and final approval.

10. Board Policy Review – DJ.BP Purchasing

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Report to be prepared for March 24, 2008 Board Meeting for third consideration and final approval.

11. Board Policy Review – GDB.BP Terms and Conditions of Employment

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Report to be prepared for March 24, 2008 Board Meeting for third consideration and final approval.

12. Board Policy – GBD.BP Vacations and Holidays

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Report to be prepared for March 24, 2008 Board Meeting for third consideration and final approval.

13. Board Policy Review – GFA.BP Reduction of Staff
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) Report to be prepared for March 24, 2008 Board Meeting for third consideration and final approval.
14. Board Policy Review – GGB.BP Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) Report to be prepared for March 24, 2008 Board Meeting for third consideration and final approval.
15. Board Policy Review – GGC.BP Staff Performance
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) Report to be prepared for March 24, 2008 Board Meeting for third consideration and final approval.

**J. Other Trustee Reports:**

1. Trustee Colburn reported that several weeks ago prior to an Oil Kings game at the Coliseum, he along with a member of the Edmonton Oil Kings, an executive from Schlumberger and a teacher from Victoria School made a presentation to acknowledge the introduction of the Read On Literacy Limited program to Edmonton Public Schools. This program has been in existence in Calgary for 10 years and encourages reading through the sports-themed books. Schlumberger agreed to provide funding for an Alberta author to write a story directed at grade five students. The most recent book is entitled “Oil Kings Glory” written by Sigmund Brouwer. 6,500 copies of the book were distributed to grade five students in 154 district schools. He expressed appreciation to Schlumberger and the Edmonton Oil Kings for this initiative.
2. Trustee Fleming reported that on Saturday he had attended the Advanced Placement conference at Strathcona School.
3. Trustee Huff reported that the District’s Long Service Reception was held at the Winspear February 19, 2009. The majority of Trustees were in attendance for this event. She expressed appreciation for the organizers of the event and for the new format of the evening.

4. Trustee Huff reported that, on February 26, 2009, she attended the GETTCA conference and heard the key note presentation. Trustees Esslinger and Ripley were also in attendance for this address.
5. Trustee Huff reported that, on February 27, 2009, she attended the MLA luncheon at the ASBA Zone 23 meeting. Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault and Ripley were also in attendance.
6. Trustee Huff reported that, on February 28, 2009, she was a judge along with Trustees Gibeault and Rice at the junior high debate tournament at Vernon Barford School.
7. Trustee Huff reported that, on March 2, 2009, she attended the TAG on-line magazine launch at Highlands School. Trustees Esslinger and Shipka were also in attendance. TAG is an interactive online magazine using technology to showcase student writing and creativity from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
8. Trustee Huff reported that, on March 4, 2009, she attended the High School Culinary Challenge Awards luncheon at the Shaw Conference Centre. Trustees Esslinger and Gibeault were also in attendance.
9. Trustee Huff reported that, on March 4, 2009, she and Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Rice, Gibeault and Ripley attended the District's Night of Music at the Jubilee Auditorium.
10. Trustee Huff reported that, on March 9, 2009, she attended the launch of Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week at the Stanley Milner Library. The Mayor proclaimed this week as Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week. A working group has been formed to address this issue comprised of members from Safedmonton, the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton (PAAF), public libraries, Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society, Changing Together (a centre for immigrant women), Edmonton and Area Child and Social Services, Edmonton Police Services and Councillor Amarjeet Sohi and his assistant. She noted that there was no representative from the education community on the working group so she has volunteered to join the committee and will keep the Board updated on the committee's work.
11. Trustee Esslinger reported that she and Trustees Ripley and Shipka attended the Parents as Partners event *1-2-3 Magic – Effective Discipline for Children 2-12* at the Crowne Plaza on February 25, 2009. There were over 450 parents in attendance.
12. Trustee Esslinger reported that she and Trustee Shipka attended the opening of the Custodial Staff Development Day held on February 27, 2009 at M.E. LaZerte School.

13. Trustee Esslinger reported that, on March 6, 2009, she and Trustees Ripley and Gibeault attended the Bids for Kids Event for the PSAA.
14. Trustee Esslinger congratulated Queen Elizabeth School for winning the bronze award for the High School Culinary Challenge.

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

Mr. Mohammed Accord, Executive Director Alberta Somali Community Centre, expressed his concern regarding a fight that broke out at a soccer game at Queen Elizabeth School that resulted in a number of student suspensions. The following individuals also spoke with respect to this incident: Mayran Kalah, Ladan Osman and Leyla Ladane

**L. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Esslinger requested that information be provided as to whether consideration has been given to using SchoolZone or school bulletin boards as a method of distributing information on policy reviews.

The Board concurred with this request for information.

**M. Notices of Motion – None.**

**N. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**

**O. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.**