



Summary of Board Meeting #10 Tuesday, March 22, 2005

- A. **O Canada** – District Video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**
1. The chairman advised that yesterday, March 21st, was the International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination. The Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations (N.A.A.R.R) offered a program of activities for students, staff and the general public to commemorate this important day.
 2. The chairman advised that the Board of Trustees will pay tribute to staff members who have provided twenty-five and thirty years of service to Edmonton Public Schools tomorrow evening. The Long Service Recognition ceremony provides the board with an opportunity to thank staff members for their many years of dedication and service to our district, our schools and our students.

This year the board of trustees is proud to honour:
 - ♦ 201 staff members for 25 years of service and
 - ♦ 141 staff members who have achieved 30 years of serviceThe presentation ceremony will be held in the Eva O. Howard Theatre, Victoria School, with a reception to follow in the Centre for Education Atrium.
 3. The chairman announced that he had received a letter from the Minister of Education today in which the Minister states that \$12.8 million dollars of one-time funding will be granted to school districts for textbooks and other classroom resources. Edmonton Public Schools will receive \$1.83 million dollars.

The funds come to us with some flexibility, although Alberta Education has yet to communicate further details. We are able to allocate these funds to schools. Schools may purchase resources from the Learning Resources Centre or other distributors and they may choose to provide professional development opportunities for the introduction and implementation of new curriculum, such as the social studies curriculum.

The administration will be folding this new money into the 2005-2006 planning allocations to schools. This money will provide support to help our staff implement new curriculum and to ensure greater availability of current resources in all of our schools.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 8, 2005 - Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

2. LaPerle School – Focus on Reading Comprehension

Received for information.

G. Recognition:

3. Edwin Parr Teacher Award

a) Received for information.

b) Fred Wilkes, Parkdale School, was selected as the district's nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award.

H. Reports:

4. Revised Timelines for 2005-2006 Planning

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Fleming suggested that the district communicate the impact of the uncertainty of funding on school planning to the Minister of Education.

5. Orientation to the Plan for Student Program Distribution

Received for information.

6. Report #6 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held March 8, 2005)

Approved recommendations re principal designations.

7. Motion re Voting Age

Approved motion.

8. First Semester Course Completion

Received for information.

9. Presentation from Exempt Staff re 2005-2006 Budget

a) Received verbal report for information.

b) Response to be prepared for April 12, 2005 board meeting.

10. Response to Presentations by Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37, CUPE Local 3550, CUPE Local 474, and CUPE Local 784

Received for information.

11. Response to Trustee Request for Information

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Keiver requested that information be provided on the rental rates being charged to non-profit groups such as Brownies and Scouts and community leagues, etc.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information - None.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That the Edmonton Public School Board postpone any vote on school closures until such time as the Minister of Infrastructure releases the results of his review of the utilization formula and the board has an opportunity to study the impact of this review on provincial funding policies.

M. **Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

N. **Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.**