



**Summary of Board Meeting #10
Held Tuesday, March 25, 2008**

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 the Board is committed to involving parents and community members in the work of public education. As part of this commitment, the Board will be holding the April 15th Board Meeting at Jasper Place School.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #9 – March 11, 2008

Approved as printed.

F. Improving Student Achievement:

2. Improving Student Achievement at Strathcona High School

Received for information.

G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

3. CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) Presentation re 2008-2009 Budget

a) Received verbal report for information.

b) A copy of the Local's brief is located on the district's agenda website.

4. Response to Staff Group Budget Presentations

Received for information.

5. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

6. Delegation – Rethink Ritchie

a) Received verbal report for information.

b) The delegation provided a copy of its research to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Sustainability and School Closure Processes.

7. Possible Closure of Ritchie School

a) Heard from the following registered speakers urging the board not to close Ritchie School:

1. Madeline Rainey
2. Spencer Buehler
3. David Buehler
4. Krista Chiponski
5. Heather Chiponski
6. Alicia Robinson
7. Paul Souldore
8. Trevor Beckworth
9. JoAnne Bryan
10. Karen Weis Bridges
11. Jenika Watson
12. Tophi Davies

b) Approved recommendation to close Ritchie School at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

8. Possible Closure of Woodcroft School

- a) Heard from the following registered speakers urging the board not to close Woodcroft School:
1. Reg Appleyard
 2. Lora Yaskow
 3. Sonya Chudyk
 4. Shauna Wilson
 5. Bob Watson
 6. Laurie Simpson
- b) Approved recommendation to close Woodcroft School at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports:

9. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (from the Meetings Held March 11 and 18, 2008)
- a) Approved recommendations re:
- Designation of principal
 - Memorandum of Agreements on amendments to the 2006-2009 Collective Agreements for Support Staff (CUPE Local 3550), Custodial Staff (CUPE Local 474) and Maintenance Staff (CUPE Local 784)
 - Changes in salary schedules and benefits for Exempt Staff and Lunchroom Aides
 - Terms of Reference for Committee to Review Sustainability and School Closure Processes
- b) A steering/working committee for the Committee to Review Sustainability and School Closure Processes to facilitate the board's participation has been established comprised of Trustees Huff, Rice and Ripley with Trustees Rice and Huff co-chairing the committee.

I. Other Trustee Reports – None.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Laurie Simpson expressed her concern about the school closure process and the impact on communities.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Rice served the notice of motion:

That Edmonton Public Schools organize a one-day comprehensive school health symposium that would include staff and administration representatives from all of our schools. The purpose would be to share school successes, successful practices, lessons learned and to brainstorm solutions to challenges. This full symposium would then be followed up as warranted by division level symposiums that could include students and staff. Consideration could be given to inviting separate system staff to participate.

**M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Room 188, Jasper Place High School
8950 – 163 Street**

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 12:05 a.m.