

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 25, 2008

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATOR: T. Parker, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE
STAFF: Michael Ediger, Bob Morter

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #75, MARCH 11, 2008 (TRUSTEE RIPLEY) PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THE COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS ALLOCATION AND THE MONEY AVAILABLE UNDER THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT IS SUFFICIENT FOR SCHOOLS TO COVER THEIR COSTS FOR WEEKEND USE OF THEIR GYMS: The Community Use Allocation provides financial compensation to schools at a rate of \$25 per hour for weekend community use of the school. This allocation is insufficient to cover costs for weekend community use, particularly at schools that make special arrangements to ensure custodial coverage for a weekend community booking event. These schools typically pay custodial wages at 'time-and-one-half' for a minimum of three hours in order to make their gyms available on weekends.

A key component of the newly signed *Joint Use Agreement: Facilities (2007)* is a new cost model, which will be adopted for the 2008-09 school year. The model will provide additional resources to the three school districts to enhance access to gyms for community groups, and to the City of Edmonton to enhance student access to pools and arenas. The new model includes an hourly rate of \$38 per hour, which the City will provide to the school districts on behalf of community groups who are seeking space in schools that previously could not afford to open their gyms for community use on week nights and on weekends. The rate of \$38 per hour is based on the unit cost of a Head Custodian calculated at 'time-and-one-half'. As such, the money available under the new Joint Use Agreement will be sufficient to cover staffing costs associated with weekend community use. The Community Use Allocation will be amended next year to ensure that the additional resources available under the new model are distributed to the schools providing the enhanced access. (M. Ediger)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #76 MARCH 11, 2008 (TRUSTEE HUFF) RE TT#66 – CLARIFY PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED INFORMATION (FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2008) REGARDING THE IMPACT ON WEST 1 SECTOR SCHOOLS BY THE NEW ASAP SCHOOLS RELATIVE TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON PAGE 9 OF THE MARCH 11, 2008 RESPONSES TO TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION REPORT: In the Responses to Trustee Requests for Information report

of February 26, 2008, it was stated that there were sufficient students residing in the West 1 Sector to fill 36 per cent of the available ACOL spaces. This is derived by dividing the number of resident students (4239) by the total number of available ACOL spaces in the sector (11920).

In the Responses to Trustee Requests for Information report of March 11, 2008, it was stated that 52 per cent of the students enrolled in West 1 reside outside of West 1. This is the same as saying that 48 percent of the students attending schools in the West 1 Sector reside in West 1. This data was drawn from page 27 of the current Ten-Year Facilities Plan, 2008-2017. Using updated data from the September 30, 2007 enrolment count, the number has changed to 50 per cent. This is derived by dividing the current number of students attending school in the West 1 Sector who also reside in the West 1 Sector (3740), by the current total number of students attending a school in West 1 (7474).

As further clarification, out of the 7474 students enrolled in West 1 there are 2483 students (33 per cent) living in West 2. The projected 2012 opening of the ASAP school in West 2 will likely see many of these 2483 students migrate back to the West 2 sector where they reside.

For further information and clarity, 3740 of the 4239 students, or 88 per cent, who reside in West 1, attend a school in that sector. (B. Morter)

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