



**Summary of Board Meeting #13
Held Tuesday, May 10, 2011**

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

B. Roll Call: Trustee MacKenzie participated via SKYPE. All other Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

1. The Board Chair advised that he, Trustees Hoffman and Ripley and the Superintendent attended a full day debriefing session on the new Education Act on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at the invitation of the Minister of Education.

Minister Hancock provided an introduction to the *Education Act* with the assistance of Keray Henke, Deputy Minister, who facilitated discussion sessions. Participants had an opportunity to gain greater understanding of the new *Act* by discussing the three broad themes identified as the major policy shifts for the new *Act* in greater detail.

- Board engaging partners
 - Educational opportunities
 - Governance of education
2. The Board Chair advised that May 17th is an *International Day Against Homophobia*. An *International Day Against Homophobia* belongs to no one individual. It's about all people hoping for a prejudice-free world that can provide a place at the table for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation. Inspired by all world theme-days, the day set aside to fight homophobia needs to be appropriated by all of those actively involved in civil society: gay and lesbian community organizations, those organizations focusing on other types of sexual diversity, unions, employers, private businesses, governments, public administration, professional associations, and all individuals seeking equity and equality.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent introduced the group of principals who would be formally confirmed later in the evening.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #12 – April 26, 2011

Approved as printed.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

1. Mr. Dale Hudjik, President Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Edmonton Schools (ARTES), urged the Board not to reduce then number of staff in schools in the upcoming budget.
2. Mr. Lou Arab, Communications Representative Canadian Union of Public Employees in Edmonton and the father of two district students, urged the Board to support the upcoming proposed amendment Board Policy JG.BP – Community Use of District Buildings regarding publicly-traded companies providing day care and early education. Mr. Arab noted the District's three CUPE Locals could not be in attendance at the board meeting this evening and he was speaking on behalf of CUPE.
3. Ms Punnu Bhatia, Director Ellerslie Daycare & Out of School Care operating at Ellerslie School and Johnny Bright School expressed her concerns regarding the impact of Edleun on her business and urged the Board to review her submission requesting expansion of her daycare.
4. Mr. Imy Bhatti, President Ellerslie Community League and a parent who uses Ellerslie Daycare & Out of School Care, urged the Board to support Ms Bhatia's request to expand her business.

The Board Chair advised that, as per the Board's practice, Ms Bhatia's request would be responded to at the next board meeting.

G. Reports

2. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 10, 2011)

Approved recommendation.

3. District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015

a) Received for information.

b) Approved the recommendation as amended: *That the District Three-Year Capital Plan 2012-2015 be amended to reflect preservation priorities projects as higher priority than new construction (as per Appendix I) and adding language that will identify the urgent need for funding to maintain and upgrade our aging schools in mature neighbourhoods.*

5. Delegation – Edleun

Received for information.

10. Delegation – Strategic Alliance for the Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth (SAAIRCY) Sub-committee on Refugee Transportation Loans

a) Received for information.

b) A response to the delegation will be prepared for the May 24, 2011 board meeting.

11. Presentation – Canadian Cancer Society

Received for information.

12. Presentation – YMCA

a) Received for information.

b) Mr. Doug Schindel provided information about the YMCA Welcome Village to Trustees.

4. Motion re Regular Board Meeting Agenda Item

Approved the recommendation as amended: *That the Board add the following item to its Public Board agenda on a monthly basis: ‘Tracking Progress and Excellence in the 2011-2014 Priorities’ and that a maximum of 10 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for Trustee questions be allotted for this item.*

14. Status of the Vision 2020 Cohort

Received for information.

6. Review of Board Policy JG.BP – Community Use of District Buildings

- a) The Board heard from the following individuals with respect to this item:
 - Mr. Bill Moore-Kilgannon, Public Interest Alberta
 - Ms Margot Young, CUPE National
- b) Trustee Shipka noted a correction to Recommendation 1 of page 1 of the report -- Appendix I should be Appendix II.
- c) Approved the recommendation as amended: That paragraph three of the policy be amended to read: Members of the community *excluding publicly-traded companies providing day care and early education* can access space through the following methods: ...
- d) The item will come back for third consideration and final approval at the May 24, 2011 board meeting.

7. Motion re Membership in the Alberta School Councils' Association

Approved the following amended recommendation: *That EPSB become a district supporter of school council membership in the Alberta School Councils' Association for a one-year free trial period as proposed by the Alberta School Council Association Executive Director, after which, the Board will survey school councils to determine their support for the ASCA membership, and the exact cost of the district supported membership before making any long term commitment.*

8. Motion re Public Board Meeting Times

- a) The Board heard from Ms Tina Jardine with respect to this item.
- b) Approved the recommendation as amended: *That public board meeting times be amended to run from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month for the 2011-2012 school year, to be reviewed in spring 2012. Further, that the agenda item 'Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives' be added to a time specific 5:00 p.m. in addition to the current placement near the beginning of the agenda.*

9. Report from the Board Evaluation Committee

Approved recommendation.

13. Response to Staff Group Presentations

- a) Received for information.
- b) A copy of the presentations as well as the report in response to the presentations will be disseminated to school principals and decision unit administrators for consideration in the development of their plans for the 2011-2012 school year.

15. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

16. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

This information will be included in the minutes of the May 10, 2011 board meeting.

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – SEE TT#95 and #96

I. Notices of Motion

1. a) Trustee Hoffman served notice of the following motion:

That the April 19, 2011 public meeting notes of the School Closure Moratorium Committee be posted on the district website and that all subsequent public meeting notes be posted online upon approval by the committee chair.

- b) The Board granted consent of waiver of notice.
- c) Approved the motion.

2. a) Trustee Hoffman served notice of the following motion:

To complete the work of the Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee by May 31, 2011, approval be granted to proceed with seeking public input on the following definitions:

Violence: *The actual or threatened use of physical, verbal, sexual, emotional, social, and cyber power, intimidation or harassment by an individual or group. Literature says: bullying is the most frequent form of violence in schools.*

Bullying: *A direct or indirect, physical or non-physical, form of violence that include three important factors:*

- a) *The relationship has an imbalance of power.*

- b) *Action is deliberate, unjustified and the attention is unwanted. It is mean and hurtful.*
- c) *Action is repetitive.*

1. *Physical: Any hurtful or unwanted physical contact.*
2. *Non-physical: Verbal, cyber, rumours, exclusion, discrimination (racial, homonegativity, classist, inappropriate sexual language, cultural, religious, diversity, ability, gender)*
3. *Direct: Physical or non-physical presence by both parties.*
4. *Indirect: Physical or non-physical presence by both parties is not necessary.*

b) The Board granted consent of waiver of notice.

c) Approved the motion.

3. Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That, in order to monitor outcomes and improve student success, a series of annual reports on the work of the District be delivered by Administration to the Board. The subject matter of these reports will be determined by the Board and reports will be presented at public board.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

K. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 10:55 p.m.

TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM BOARD MEETING #13 HELD MAY 10, 2011		
TT#	Trustee	
094.	Michael Janz	Provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from the Canadian Cancer Society.
095.	Michael Janz	How much money does the district currently spend on non-essential pesticides with non-essential as defined by the Canadian Cancer Society?
096.	Michael Janz	What suggestions would the District put forward for an idling bylaw in order to improve the air quality around our schools?