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Summary of Board Meeting #13 Tuesday, May 11, 2004

A. **O Canada** – *Abbott School.*

B. **Roll Call:** (6:05 p.m.) – Trustee Bonko was absent.

C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

1. The chairman advised that, on Tuesday, April 20th, the Board of Trustees hosted the district's 38 finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Awards. These teachers were among 130 finalists selected from across the province. On April 28th, Alberta Learning announced the recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Awards for 2004 -- of the 20 award recipients from across the province, seven were from Edmonton Public Schools. They are: Gail Spivak, Avonmore; Glen Hornland, Ross Sheppard; Phyllis Jenson, Daly Grove; Wanda Musclow, Glenrose; Shannon Sookochoff, Jasper Place; Laurel Usher, McNally and Victoria Wynn, Dunluce. He offered congratulations on behalf of the board to each of the award recipients and sincere appreciation for their dedication and outstanding contributions to the district and the students we serve.
2. The chairman noted that Trustee Gibeault had his hair shorn on May 5, 2004 to raise funds for Cops for Cancer.

D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.

E. **Minutes:**

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Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Abbott School: Writing in Order to Communicate Clearly and Reflect Organized Thought

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Report #7 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 27, 2004 and May 4, 2004)

Approved recommendations re:

- Principal designations
- Central Service Appointment
- Central Service Reappointments
- Proposed Objectives – Custodial Negotiations
- Proposed Objectives – Maintenance Negotiations
- Proposed Objectives – Support Staff Negotiations

4. Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations Research

Received for information.

5. Community Christian Education Alternative Program: Meadowlark Christian School

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Woodrow requested that information be provided with respect to the differences in fees being charged by Talmud Torah School and Meadowlark Christian School.

6. Request for Capital Funding to Undertake a Partnership Development Study at L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

Approved recommendation.

7. Ten-Year Facilities Plan (2005-2014)

Approved recommendation.

8. Obesity in School Age Children: Follow Up

a) Received for information.

b) Trustees suggested that future reports be entitled Healthy Lifestyles for School Age Children.

c) Trustee Woodrow suggested that eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia be addressed.

9. Ellerslie Campus Conservation Project

Received for information.

10. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

11. Bereavement

Received with regret.

G. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Woodrow advised that she and the chairman had attended the Edmonton Catholic Schools Celebration of the Arts last week.
2. Trustee Woodrow advised that she and Trustee Martin had attended the awards ceremonies for City of the Future at the Butterdome on May 5th. The competition was for grade 8 students who wrote or created visual images of the City of the Future.
3. Trustee Odynski advised that she had brought greetings on behalf of the board to the Magic Moments Children's Benefit last week. This was a fundraiser for early intervention and head start programming.

H. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives - None.

I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Woodrow asked whether any consideration has been given funding projects through AISI in the next school year that will strengthen the arts district wide, as has been done in Calgary Public.
2. Trustee Odynski asked what is or can be done for students in special programs such as language or religion in stand-alone facilities to provide social opportunities with other students to promote understanding and respect.

J. Notices of Motion

Trustee Woodrow noted, that given that the Board has received a presentation on the Foundation Feasibility Study in which it was identified that the establishment of a foundation could result in major benefits to the district in terms of garnering wider public support and increasing resources for the purchase of non - basic supplies, equipment and services (as permitted by Alberta Learning) that will enhance the teaching and learning of students, and served notice of the following motion:

That the Board approve in principle the establishment of a District Foundation, and request the Administration to bring forward a document outlining a 'next steps' plan for the Board's consideration relative to the establishment of a Foundation plus the broader issues of school fundraising and recognition initiatives.

K. Next Meeting Date: May 25, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

L. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.