

A. O Canada:  (6:05 p.m.) – District O Canada Video**B. Roll Call:** All Trustees were present.**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

The Board Chair reported that, on May 11th, the board met with Edmonton-area MLAs and shared the Board's Strategic plan; the challenges with respect to the upcoming budget; the results of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review School Closure and Sustainability Review Process; and concerns with respect to Bill 44. She noted that it was a very productive meeting.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent advised that an entire department, two staff members and a district student were recognized at the annual RISE Awards on May 7, 2009. These awards honour the contributions that newcomers have made to Edmonton and the achievements of individuals and organizations that have assisted newcomers as they settle in our community.

The Community Collaboration Team from the Programs department was recognized in the Health, Human Services, and Education category. The team is made up of Gloria Chalmers, Karen Bardy, Heather Raymond, Elisa Rawe, Ann Mah and Margaretha Ebbers.

The mission of this group is to provide an environment where parents, students and communities can connect with settlement agencies and policy makers to enhance the quality of life for immigrants. This award is particularly gratifying to the group because they were nominated by their community partners.

Also recognized in this category were Arlene Fraser, an educational assistant at Grace Martin School and Rita Delongchamp-Osborne, a teacher at Balwin School.

Justin Nshimirimana, a 17 year old student who has been taking classes through Metro Continuing Education also received recognition. Justin arrived in Canada from East-Central Africa in 2004 and at one time lived at the Youth Emergency Shelter. Rather than

allowing adversity to keep him from achieving, he has used his knowledge and experiences as a new comer to support many organizations of immigrants in need.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #15 – April 28, 2009

Approved as printed.

F. Improving Student Achievement:

2. Improving Student Achievement at Westbrook School

Received for information.

G. Recognition

3. An Act to Follow Staff Recognition Program

Received for information.

H. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

4. Locally Developed Courses – Additions

Approved recommendation.

5. Student Transportation Fees for 2009-2010

Approved recommendation.

6. Joint Use Agreement: Land

Approved recommendation.

7. Alberta School Boards Association for Language Education (ASBALE) Survey

Approved recommendation.

8. Draft Early Years Policy

Received for information.

9. Response to Board Request for Information

Received for information.

I. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports:

10. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 5, 2009)

Approved recommendation.

11. Motion re Travel Restrictions

The motion was withdrawn.

J. Other Trustee Reports:

1. Trustee Huff reported that, on May 6, 2009, she had attended a performance at Afton School. There were over 140 children involved in the production which involved singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and acting.
2. Trustee Huff reported that, on May 8, 2009, she attended a pancake breakfast at Westmount School along with a number of members of the Administration.
3. Trustee Ripley reported that, on April 29, 2009 she and Trustee Esslinger attended the Minister's Inspiring Education Community Conversation. She encouraged those interested to register for the last session in the province to be held June 20th.
4. Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 5, 2009, she and Trustees Fleming, Ripley and Shipka attended the State of the City Address.
5. Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 6, 2009, she participated in McHappy Days in Castledowns.
6. Trustee Esslinger reported that, on May 11, 2009, she represented the District at a Chamber of Commerce event Meet the North reception.

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

L. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

M. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That the Minister of Education be urged to explore a geothermal heating model as a pilot project in a new school and that Edmonton Public Schools be the site of that pilot project.

N. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

O. Duration of Meeting: 6:05 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.