



Summary of Board Meeting #12 Tuesday, May 13, 2003

- A. **O Canada** – Oliver School.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that, this year, Alberta Learning selected 128 teachers from across the province as finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Award. A selection committee of education partners and stakeholder groups – which considered a total of 418 nominees, determined the finalists. These teachers were chosen because of their excellence in a variety of areas – including knowledge of subject matter, effectiveness with students, creative and innovative teaching practices, involvement with parents and collaboration with colleagues. **43 district teachers** were selected as finalists for the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award. This is testament to the outstanding teachers we have working in Edmonton Public Schools.

On Thursday, May 8, 2003 Alberta learning announced the Award recipients for this year. **Seven** of our district finalists were selected. They are:

- Joanne Aldridge, Highlands
- John Anderson, Westmount
- Fred Antoniw, Westmount
- Laurie Helland, Lymburn
- Cheryle Kachman, Old Scona
- Norman Sieweke, Rideau Park
- Kelly Lynn Undershultz, W. P. Wagner

The influence these teachers have had on their students cannot be underestimated. They have demonstrated their commitment to – and their passion for – teaching. He offered his congratulations, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to all of the district finalists and award recipients.

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

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #11 – April 22, 2003

Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

2. Oliver School's Whole School Implementation of Thinking Maps

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Report #10 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held April 22, 29, May 6 and 8, 2003)

Approved recommendations re:

- Principal appointments and designation
- Appointment of assistants to the superintendent of schools
- Appeal Case No. 2002-2003-2

4. Aboriginal Art Project 2003: "The Shield Project: Kwanahikun (Protector)"

Received for information.

5. Motion Regarding International Travel for Students

Approved recommendation.

6. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses

Approved recommendation.

7. Process for Developing a District Position Regarding Facility Procurement through P3 Initiatives

Deferred to the May 27, 2003 board meeting.

8. Delegation Regarding Potential Closure of Bellevue School

- a) Heard delegation.
- b) Received for information.
- c) Report regarding possible school closures to board May 27, 2003.

9. Delegation from Metis Child and Family Services Regarding Sherbrooke School

- a) Heard delegation.
- b) Received for information.
- c) Report regarding possible school closures to board May 27, 2003.

10. Delegation Regarding Sherbrooke School

- a) Heard delegation.
- b) Ms Callihoo requested information on why the recommendation was made to close the Awasis Program at Sherbrooke School.
- c) Received for information.
- d) Report regarding possible school closures to board May 27, 2003.

11. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Bonko requested information on the status of the Federal Government funding for second languages.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting Date: May 27, 2003 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.