



**Summary of Board Meeting #15
Held Tuesday, May 22, 2012**

A. O Canada:  (2:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

- The Board Chair advised that Minister of Education Jeff Johnson briefly attended the ASBA Board of Directors meeting Friday, May 11, 2012. The Minister indicated his three areas of priority are: infrastructure, the *Education Act* and bargaining.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

- The Superintendent congratulated the students from J. Percy Page School for working together on a Bike-a-Thon to support the *Make A Wish* Foundation, which supports children and families dealing with cancer. This is one of several fundraising activities students have participated in to support *Make a Wish*.
- The Superintendent also congratulated McNally student, Keegan Tsetta, who celebrated a second medal win in two years after taking home a bronze medal at the recent Skills Alberta Competition for work in 2D Computer Animation. Keegan was the team lead in this area and represented McNally and the District extremely well at this competition.
- The Superintendent advised that he was pleased to participate in last week's Imagination Conversation, a local conference with guests from across the city and from North America. It was an opportunity for learning about and discussing how creativity in education could be enhanced and supported. This is an area for further discussion and development with District leaders as this relates to the District Plan and the District priorities.

- The Superintendent advised that he was also pleased to host a delegation of educators from Singapore last week. They had extensive discussions about citizenship and the role teachers play in enhancing student engagement. In all, six delegates visited two district schools, and they indicated this trip was very worthwhile from a professional development perspective. He thanked the principals and school staff involved for making this delegation welcome.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #14 – May 8, 2012

Approved as printed.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

- Ms Janice Melnychuk, a member of the Action to End Poverty in Alberta (AEPA) steering committee, spoke with respect to report #15 – Diversity and Equity Annual Report. The AEPA encourages the Board to consider signing on to its network, read the Caledon Institute’s Poverty Policy document outlining the ten key policy areas which align with social vulnerability index and continue to publish the District’s reports that help people understand more of what needs to be addressed to create more equity of outcomes. She provided a copy of her presentation as well as copy of the AEPA publication *Poverty Costs – An Economic Case for Preventative Poverty Reduction Strategy in Alberta*.
- Dr. Wally Lazaruk commended the Board for creating one of the best second language education programs in Canada. He urged the Board to implement a systematic program of collaboration in language education with public and private sectors. He provided a copy of his presentation.

G. Recognition

2. Margaret T. Stevenson Award

Received for information.

H. Tracking Progress and Excellence in the 2011-2014 Priorities

3. Supporting Second Languages Across the District

Received for information.

I. Reports

4. Introduction of Review of Proposed 2012-2013 Budget

Received for information.

5. Motion re Junior Achievement and Memorandum of Understanding

Trustee Cleary withdrew her motion.

6. Student Transportation Fees for 2012-2013

Approved recommendation.

7. School Year Calendar 2013-2014

Approved recommendation.

8. Alberta School Councils' Association District Membership

a) Approved the following amended recommendation: That the Administration renew the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) district membership for a further two-year term and pay for the membership out of the Board Initiative Fund.

b) Trustees requested the following information be provided:

- Which school boards are members of the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)? (Trustee Shipka)
- What are the mechanisms for school councils to be involved in the governance of the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)? Would school councils require a separate membership to become involved or would the district's membership suffice? (Trustee Spencer)

9. Issues, Budget and Bylaws Bulletin for the 2012 ASBA Spring General Meeting

Approved recommendation.

10. ASBA Proposed Bylaw Amendment for 2012 ASBA Spring General Meeting

Approved recommendation.

11. Financial Literacy
Approved recommendation.
12. Review of Board Policy HA.BP – Student Programs
Approved recommendation.
13. Review of Board Policy IEC.BP – Student Admission to the District
Approved recommendation.
14. Review of Board Policy CH.BP – Framework for Policy Development and Review
 - a) A correction was noted to page 4 item 9, second sentence of the policy. The sentence should read: *Not more than two ~~readings~~ considerations be given at any one meeting unless Trustees present at the meeting unanimously agree.*
 - b) Item 14 of the policy was amended to read: 14. The Superintendent of Schools shall report to the Board on the implementation of board policy on a regular basis. Accordingly, the Board shall be informed of new administrative regulations and substantive changes to existing administrative regulations *prior to these regulations being made public.*
 - c) Approved recommendation.
15. Diversity and Equity Annual Report
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Hoffman requested that information be provided regarding how many indicators are included in the socially-vulnerable calculations.
16. Feasibility of Development of Active Transportation Plans for All Schools (Response to Trustee Request #182)
17. Feasibility of Offering Mandarin Bilingual Program at Lillian Osborn School (Response to Trustee Request #183)
Received for information.
18. Bereavement
Received with regret.

J. Other Committee, Board Representatives and Trustee Reports

This information will be included in the minutes of the May 22, 2012 board meeting.

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

L. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

- Trustee Janz requested that information be provided on the feasibility of implementing term limits for school trustees.

M. Notices of Motion

- Trustee MacKenzie served notice of the following motion:

That the Board reconsider its decision to purchase a two-year district membership in the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA).

- Trustee Janz served notice of the following motion:

That the District develop active transportation plans for every school.

N. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

M. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.