



## Summary of Board Meeting #12 Tuesday, May 23, 2006

- A. **O Canada** – District Video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chair** – None.
- D. **Communications from the Acting Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**
1. Board Meeting #11 – May 9, 2006 – Approved as printed.
- F. **Focus on Student Achievement**
2. Rio Terrace School – Focus on Writing – Received for information.
- G. **Recognition:**
3. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Katherine Brown
    - a) Received for information
    - b) Trustee Nicholson suggested establishing an anthology of the works of the award winners over the past 13 years for school libraries.
- H. **Reports:**
4. Eye See...Eye Learn Program: A Partnership
    - a) Received for information
    - b) Trustee Fleming suggested that the ASBA be contacted and provided with information with respect to the Eye See...Eye Learn Program.
    - c) Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided with respect to Irlen Syndrome.

5. Programming for At-Risk High School Students – Part 2

Received for information.

6. Report #9 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 9 and 16, 2006)

a) Approved recommendations regarding the following:

- Principal designations
- Confirmation of principal designation
- Central administrative appointment
- Central services reappointment of staff
- Aboriginal Education Task Force
- 2006 ASBA Spring General Meeting
- Ellerslie Campus School land disposition

b) Approved the following amended recommendation:

*That the appointment of Trustees Fleming, Hansen and Keiver to an ad hoc trustee subcommittee to assist the board of trustees in identifying a recommended name for the new high school in Riverbend-Terwillegar be approved.*

7. Locally Developed Courses – Curriculum Addition

Approved recommendation.

8. 2006-2007 Non-Resident Fees

Approved recommendation.

9. Ten-Year Facilities Plan 2007-2016

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Brian Mason, MLA Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, expressed concern regarding the timetable of conducting public meetings and consultation processes required for any of the facility strategies in January and February in terms of allowing sufficient time for meaningful input. He also urged the board to wait until the implementation of the Smart Choices Program by the City of Edmonton in 2007. He also expressed concern with the issue of urban sprawl and the strain on services which he believes must be addressed by all levels of government.

c) Trustee Gibeault suggested that the Ten-Year Facilities Plan be provided to City Councillors and government MLAs.

- d) Trustee Keiver suggested that consideration be given to recommendations requiring board approval (e.g. beginning a school closure process) be brought to the first board meeting in January rather than December.

10. District Three-Year Capital Plan 2007-2010

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Keiver noted that Balwin doesn't have a provincial utilization rate indicated.

11. 2006 Major Maintenance Plan

Received for information.

12. Student Transportation Fees for 2006-2007

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Hansen suggested that the administration issue a comprehensive news release outlining all of the rationale for the increase in transportation fees.
- c) Trustee Esslinger suggested that we indicate what steps the district has taken to address transportation fees. She also noted that the province supports choice but does not fund it.

13. Curriculum Policy Revisions

14. Managing District Information

15. Board Policy GIC.BP – Employee Assistance

16. Board Regulation GBE.BR – Staff and Students with HIV Infection - AIDS

17. Board Policy GJD.BP – Administrative Recognition

Deferred to the June 13, 2006 board meeting.

18. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Received for information.

19. Bereavements

Received for information.

**I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.**

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

**J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.**

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

1. Trustee Keiver requested that information be provided regarding what supports are in place or could be put in place for schools in the collection of the bus pass fees specifically from parents who believe they do not have to pay these fees.
2. Trustee Fleming requested that the administration provide background information on the barriers to school attendance of independent students under the age of 18 as a result of the limitations of provincial government funding for these students under the Learners' Benefits Program.

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

**M. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

**N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.**