



Summary of Board Meeting #14 Tuesday, May 24, 2005

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

Trustee Fleming noted that he had attended the Excellence in Teaching Awards on May 14, 2005 on behalf of the board. The district's four award winners are:

- Brenda Frisk, Jasper Place School, who received one of three *SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Awards*. Ms Frisk developed a three-year program to train students in a variety of industry standard software programs, which enabled them to create various multimedia presentations.
- Lisa Kuntz, Wellington School, who mixes time-proven teaching techniques with off-the-cuff exuberance in her daily teaching. Ms Kuntz is famous for her lessons, such as "Space Shuttle Math," which not only meets curriculum expectations but also comes complete with a teacher in a space suit.
- Vanessa LeCaine, Westmount School, who sets high expectations for her students to ensure that each of them has the best possible chance to achieve excellence. In her teaching, Ms LeCaine makes references to her own life experiences, such as her time working with NASA, to engage students in science and awaken their curiosity.
- Dawn Sundell, Parkview School, who leads by example, setting high standards for herself and demonstrating enthusiasm for her students' daily successes in learning. Ms Sundell created a public speaking curriculum for young students and founded a public speaking program for Grade 3 students called the "Astounding Announcers."

Trustee Fleming noted that these four award recipients were selected from among 134 finalists from across the province – 33 of whom were from Edmonton Public Schools. He concluded by saying that we are fortunate to have such gifted, caring and dedicated teachers in our classrooms working to achieve superb results from all students.

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

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting – May 9, 2005
2. Board Meeting #13 – May 10, 2005

Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

3. Windsor Park School – Focus on Achievement

Received for information.

G. Recognition:

4. Margaret T. Stevenson Talented Young Writer Award Recipient: Cala Jorgensen

Received for information.

H. Reports:

5. Edmonton Public Schools' Alliance with the YMCA of Edmonton

Received for information.

6. Report #12 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held May 10 and 17, 2005)

Approved recommendations re:

- Principal designations
- Executive director appointment
- Land sales

7. Board Policy Updates - Staff Qualifications

Approved recommendation.

8. Curriculum Additions and Deletions - Locally Developed Courses

Approved recommendation.

9. Science Alternative Program

Approved recommendation.

10. School Year Calendar 2006-07

Approved recommendation.

11. Changes to the Provision of Transportation Services

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustees requested that a letter be prepared for the chairman's signature to the Minister of Education outlining the district's concerns regarding the adequacy of transportation funding and urging increased funding to meeting demand for service, and the province's commitment to alternative programs.
- c) Trustees Colburn and Nicholson suggested that the administration clearly identify for parents and community members the nature of the transportation problems we are facing; i.e. a \$1 million deficit and this is not just an EPSB problem.

12. Student Transportation Fees for 2005-2006

Approved recommendation with the following amendments:

- No increase for transportation for elementary students to alternative programs (the fee will remain at \$42)
- No increase for transportation of kindergarten to grade 12 students for conditional ridership (the fee will remain at \$42)

13. General Banking and Borrowing Resolutions

Approved recommendation.

14. 2005-2006 Non-Resident Fees

Approved recommendation.

15. Future Use of Terrace Heights School Building

Received for information.

16. Leasing Summary for 2004-2005

Received for information.

17. Second Quarterly Report: December 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005

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**

Trustee Keiver requested that the administration provide information on possible ways to establish and administer a district subsidy to assist financially challenged families with transportation fees.

- L. **Notices of Motion** – None.

- M. **Next Meeting Date: June 14, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

- N. **Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.**