



Summary of Board Meeting #11 Tuesday, May 8, 2001

- A. **O Canada** – Carl Swanson from McKernan School sang O Canada.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**
1. The chairman advised that, on Saturday, May 5th the Excellence in Teaching Awards Gala was held in Calgary. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, he was pleased to offer congratulations to the nine teachers from Edmonton Public Schools presented with the Excellence in Teaching Award. Those teachers are:
 1. Sue Bailey, Alberta School for the Deaf
 2. Raymond Baril, W.P. Wagner School
 3. Gail Conquest, W.P. Wagner School
 4. Stacy Frigon, Capilano School
 5. Brian Mulder, Centre High
 6. Robert Nerenberg, Jasper Place School
 7. Sunita Sas, McArthur School
 8. Terence Van Leeuwen, Allendale School
 9. Dolores Whiting, Lansdowne School
 2. The chairman advised that May 7 through 11 has been designated “Substitute Teachers Appreciation Week”. He acknowledged substitute teachers and their ongoing contribution to this district and schools throughout the province. Each day, substitute teachers provide an invaluable service to students and to their fellow teachers. They provide continuity in student learning and, although they may only see a group of students for one class or one day, they ensure that class time remains productive and achievement focused. He thanked substitute teachers on behalf of the board for all they do to help our schools be strong and our students successful.
- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**
- The superintendent congratulated Karen Beaton who was newly elected as the president of Edmonton Public Teachers for the coming year.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting – April 23, 2001
2. Board Meeting – April 24, 2001

Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

3. McKernan School's Junior High Enrichment Program

Received for information.

G. Recognition:

4. "An Act to Follow" Staff Recognition Program

Received for information.

H. Reports:

5. Report #14 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held May 1, 2001)

Approved recommendations re:

- leadership appointments
- teacher negotiations

6. Revised 2001-2002 Non-Resident and International Students

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustee Nicholson asked how much in total is the district subsidizing funding levels 4 to 8 students.

7. Issues for the 2001 ASBA Fall General Meeting

Approved recommendation.

8. Delegation – The Edmonton Regional Coalition for Inclusive Education

a) Heard presentation.

b) Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided regarding what special needs programs are guaranteed funding and on what basis.

c) Response to delegation to be prepared for the May 22, 2001 board meeting.

9. Board Policy IGD.BP – Student Suspension and Expulsion
Approved recommendation.
10. Policy and Regulation Update – Edwin Parr Teacher Award
Approved recommendation.
11. Policy and Regulation Update – Staff Leaves of Absence
Approved recommendation.
12. Policy and Regulation Update – Reduction of Staff
Approved recommendation.
13. Policy and Regulation Update – Personnel Services
Approved recommendation.
14. Sale of a Portion of the Steele Heights School Site to the City of Edmonton
Approved recommendation.
15. Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Interim Results
Received for information.
16. Major Maintenance Plan
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Nicholson asked what the district’s inventory of portables was.
17. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information
Received for information.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Ms Sonya Olsen, a member of the Queen Mary Park Parents' Association, addressed the board and provided the following copy of her comments:

- I understand that I am only able to make comments. However, I have attempted to contact the board by telephone, fax and email all with no response. Therefore I have no alternative but to voice my comments/requests here this evening.
- Queen Mary Park parents want to opt out of the City Centre Education Project. Allowing QMP to remain open will not affect the success or failure of the project.
- The parents association is prepared (and already had plans in motion before the closure) to fundraise with bingo's and a casino to raise funds to provide the students at QMP with school supplies. We will not require funding for busing and we are looking at ways to facilitate a hot lunch program. We will not require and do not want any of the "freebies" that have been offered. If opting out is not an option we have an alternative plan to suggest.
- John A. McDougall requires extensive upgrades and repairs. Would you be willing to delay the transfer of students to JAM for another year while the construction is completed and keep QMP open during this period of time? In addition the children from JAM could attend school at QMP for the same reason. This would be in the best interest of children with health concerns. As the parent of an asthmatic child this is a very serious concern. Other parents have mentioned this concern to me as well. During this time the children and parents could get to know each other and once the school is renovated parents might be more receptive to having their children attend JAM.
- If this were truly a city centre project, why weren't all the schools in the city centre put on the list? Vic Comp. Is overflowing and has a long waiting list to get into it. The elementary from JAM could have moved to QMP and JAM could have been a satellite campus for Vic. Comp.
- It is my hope that you will consider these options.

The chairman advised that the administration would be contacting Ms Olsen to respond to her questions.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. **Meeting Dates:**

Date	Time	Meeting Type
Tuesday, May 22, 2001	6:00 p.m.	Board

N. **Duration of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.