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from all
students



Summary of Board Meeting #2 Tuesday, November 9, 2004

A. **O Canada** – *L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy*

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.

C. **Remembrance Ceremony**

1. L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

Received for information.

D. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

The chairman advised that November is Family Violence Prevention Month, a time set aside to increase public awareness and mobilize communities about the issue of family violence. The theme for the 18th Annual Family Violence Prevention Month is “It’s YOUR Business.” This year’s theme is being co-ordinated by Alberta Children’s Services and the Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters (ACWS). The campaign will include public service announcements on radio and television, newspaper advertising and information packages distributed to provincial stakeholders.

E. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools**

The superintendent reported that he had been contacted by Alberta Learning today and had been advised that an extension would be granted with respect to the submission concerning the School Council Review.

F. **Minutes:**

2. Board Meeting #16 – September 14, 2004

3. Organizational Board Meeting – October 26, 2004

Approved as printed.

G. Focus on Student Achievement

4. Patricia Heights School – Focus on Writing

Received for information.

H. Reports:

5. Report #2 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 2, 2004)

Approved recommendation re: change to student expulsion and re-instatement roster

6. Motion Re Natural Gas Rebate Program: Request To Increase Financial Support to School Jurisdictions

a) Approved recommendation.

b) The letter will ask that the support to cover increases in the price of natural gas during the winter months be retroactive.

c) A copy of the letter will be sent to the other major urban boards and the ASBA.

7. Matt Berry School Site Master Agreement

Approved recommendation.

8. CHA.BP – Board Delegation of Authority and GKA.BP – Teacher Terminations

Approved amended recommendation.

9. Awareness of Public Education Issues

Approved recommendation.

10. District Initiative on Supporting Teaching and Learning

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibson suggested that the superintendent convey to principals that the board appreciates the challenges and complexities they face in meeting the requirement to spend time in the classroom.

- c) Trustee Gibson referred to the SMARTe Targets for Student Learning Goals and indicated that it would be helpful if schools reported the actual number of students affected rather than just reporting percentages achieved (For example, 5a. and 5b.).

11. Inclusion of Students with Special Needs

Received for information.

12. District Space Utilization and Accommodation Strategy

Received for information.

13. Alberta Learning Achievement Test Results: June 2004

14. Alberta Learning Diploma Examination Results and Senior High Course Completion Rates

15. Fourth Quarterly Report: June 1, 2004 to August 31, 2004

16. Response to Trustee Request for Information

Reports 13 to 16 were deferred to the November 30, 2004 board meeting.

17. Bereavements

Received with regret.

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 – None.

L. Notices of Motion – None.

M. Next Meeting Date: November 30, 2004 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.