

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November 12, 2002

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATORS: A. Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services

RESOURCE

STAFF: Dorothy Sombach, Linda Wiens

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #168, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002 (TRUSTEE ODYNSKI): PROVIDE INFORMATION FROM SURVEYS THAT WERE ADMINISTERED DURING YEARS WITH LABOUR DISRUPTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE SATISFACTION WITH TRUSTEES (E.G. 1979 AND 1990). The attached graphs represent the responses of parents, community, and staff to the question on the district annual surveys regarding satisfaction with Edmonton Public School Trustees. The district satisfaction surveys were first administered to staff, students, and parents in 1979 and to the community in 1983. District staff have been surveyed every year since 1979 (except 1984). Parent and community have also been surveyed annually except for the period from 1983 to 1995 during which time the two groups were surveyed on alternate years. The shaded graph bars indicate the survey year following a strike or labour dispute. The 1991 staff responses follow a November 1990 strike by support staff. In 1998 difficult negotiations with the ATA were taking place at the time when surveys were being administered and in 2002 a strike by the ATA occurred less than two months prior to the administration of the surveys. (L. Wiens, 429-8160)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #169, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002 (TRUSTEE GIBEAULT): PROVIDE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE EXAMPLES GIVEN IN THE COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTION CONCERNING EXCLUSIVE SUPPLY AGREEMENTS. The question referred to is the last of a subset of five questions regarding funding. The stem of the funding question asks: "How supportive are you of schools receiving their funding from various sources:

- e) exclusive supply agreements – a SINGLE business provides schools with quality goods and services at favourable prices for a fixed price."

The other questions that are part of the funding question are as follows:

- a) donations – gifts (money or supplies) from private individuals or companies in return for a charitable donation receipt.
- b) fund raising – students, parents or other interested groups organise events to raise money for a school.
- c) sponsorships – companies provide money, price discounts, equipment, materials or services in exchange for recognition at events or in school notices about events.
- d) partnerships – businesses or community organisations share their resources, expertise and time with schools and students without any financial commitment.

(L. Wiens, 429-8160)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #185, OCTOBER 8, 2002 (TRUSTEE WOODROW) RE: TRANSFER FROM THE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT TO PRINCE CHARLES: PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WILL RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR THE AWASIS PROGRAM. According to the September 30, 2002 ridership for the Awasis Program, we are transporting 174 elementary students to Prince Charles School, and 66 elementary students to Sherbrooke School on five yellow buses. ETS provides transportation for 85 junior high students to Sherbrooke School. Therefore, the total number of students receiving transportation for the Awasis program is 325. (Dorothy Sombach 429-8326)

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Appendix I: Satisfaction/Confidence in Trustees

SATISFACTION/CONFIDENCE IN TRUSTEES

