



Summary of Board Meeting #2 Tuesday, November 13, 2001

- A. **O Canada** – L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman** – None.
- D. **Communications from the Superintendent of Schools** – None.
- E. **Minutes:**
 - 1. Board Meeting #1 – September 11, 2001
 - 2. Board Meeting – September 14, 2001
 - 3. Organizational Board Meeting – October 23, 2001Approved as printed. (AS)
- F. **Remembrance Day Ceremony**
 - 4. L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony
Received for information.
- G. **Focus on Student Achievement**
 - 5. Montrose School’s Instructional Focus
Received for information.

H. Reports:

6. Board Representative for Negotiations with Teaching Staff
 - a) Approved recommendation.
 - b) Trustee Odynski will serve as the second district representative for negotiations with teaching staff.

7. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held October 30 and November 5, 2001)
 - a) Approved recommendation re naming of school in the Twin Brooks neighbourhood.
 - b) Deferred recommendations with respect to MST/Conference Committee Meetings to the December 4, 2001 conference committee meeting.

8. Expansion of District Recognition Awards

Approved recommendation.

9. Tenders - Terrace Heights School Modernization Phase II 2000

Approved recommendation.

10. Victoria School Re-development

Received for information.

11. Policy Positions for the 2001 ASBA Fall General Meeting

This item was referred to the conference committee meeting following the evening's board meeting.

12. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2000-2001 School and Central Department Results

a) Received for information.

b) Trustees made the following comments:

- Trustee Bonko expressed concern that some schools are not receiving support through the ESHIP initiative.
- Trustee Bonko expressed concern with the lack of commonality of programming across the district that exacerbates the problem of transiency in some communities.
- Trustee Bonko expressed concern that schools are fundraising for essential items.
- Trustee Woodrow stressed the importance of all schools having early dismissal time.
- Trustee Woodrow suggested that the administration look at the requirement that 85% of parents agree to early dismissal time.
- Trustee Nicholson expressed concern with some school's reliance on casinos to maintain sufficient funding.
- Trustee Hansen noted staffs' enthusiasm for Blueprints initiative.
- Trustee Hansen noted a concern raised by schools that were unable to access AISI funding and the inequity this caused. There are pockets of severely disadvantaged students in all areas of the city and we need to be aware of this. There was also concern about what will happen when the AISI funding ends.
- Trustee Hansen noted that in most cases the school profile page was the 1998 version -- we need to look at having the profiles updated.
- Trustee Hansen noted the issue of special needs funding for parents who refuse to send their child to a designated site but want them to attend their neighbourhood school instead—no funding is provided for opportunity learning needs to the local school.
- Trustee Dean expressed concern with the number of parents who attended the results review meetings – he would like to see the numbers increase.
- Trustee Dean expressed concern about schools not practising their emergency plans.
- Trustee Martin stressed the need to ensure that programs like the City Centre Project or AISI funding work to lobby the government.
- Trustee Odynski noted that the schools have urged the board advocate for the resources that staff need to meet the actual needs of students and take an active role in making the public aware of the critical work that teachers do.

13. Alberta Learning Diploma Examination Results and Participation Rates 2000-2001

Received for information.

14. Alberta Learning Achievement Test Results: June 2001

Received for information.

15. Alexander Rutherford Scholarships

Received for information.

16. Fourth Quarterly Report: June 1, 2001 to August 31, 2001

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibeault suggested examining the types of information that are being reported on and whether some information can be reported on bi-annually, annually or not at all (e.g., information on purchase orders, number of requisitions processed by the distribution centre, and teachers' book depository sales).

c) Trustee Woodrow asked that the departments providing the information mentioned be consulted to determine whether it is in fact their wish to share this information with trustees.

17. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Fleming suggested that a presentation regarding the basis of allocation be provided for the benefit of the new trustees.

18. Bereavements

Received for information.

I. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Hansen noted that he had represented the board at Hazeldean School's 50th Anniversary celebration on November 8, 2001. The event was extremely well attended. He presented a plaque on behalf of the board of trustees.
2. Trustee Woodrow noted that she had attended the opening of Safer Schools Brighter Future" Conference which ran from November 8 to 10, 2001 and was arranged by the Teachers' Book Depository.
3. Trustee Fleming noted that he had attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Butterdome on Sunday, November 11, 2001. He and the chairman of Edmonton Catholic Schools, Judy Buddle, placed a wreath as did Karen Beaton, president Edmonton Public Teachers, and the president of Edmonton Catholic Teachers.
4. Trustee Fleming noted that he attended a meeting today of the Edmonton Journal editorial board along with the superintendent, Mr. Van Ginhovan and Mr. Victor Tanti – the purpose of the meeting was to profile the district.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Steve Brodie congratulated Trustee Nicholson on behalf of the parents of the district for having a school named after him. He wished to stress that district parents are overwhelmingly in support of teachers. He also wished to commend Karen Bardy for her efforts with the Blueprints initiative and Elaine Decker for her efforts with the Key Communicators program – he felt those efforts need to be recognized.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Bonko requested information with respect to the district's vision of shared space and what guidelines we are proposing with breakouts for business as well as community and other school purposes. Are there working examples which could be elaborated on?
2. Trustee Martin noted that both he and Trustee Bonko had received a copy of the Alberta Government's Future Summit to Explore a Debt-Free Alberta workbook from the MLA from Edmonton Calder. Has Edmonton Public Schools provided input? If not, should input be provided? He noted that there was a December 1st deadline.

3. Trustee Woodrow referred to the conference recently arranged by the Book Depository and asked for information regarding the number of district and out-of-district registrants. She asked whether the Book Depository substantially increased their sales as a result of this conference.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

That the Policy and Planning Committee prepare for the board's consideration a financial disclosure policy that would apply to candidates seeking election to the board of trustees in the 2004 election.

Trustee Gibeault asked that when this is prepared for the next board meeting that tonight's report be included for trustee consideration.

M. Meeting Dates:

| Date | Time | Meeting Type |
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| Tuesday, November 27, 2001 | 6:00 p.m. | Board |

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