




# EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Board Meeting #2 Held Tuesday, November 13, 2007

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**A. Roll Call:** All trustees were present.

**B. O Canada:**  (6:00 p.m.) – *L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy*

**C. Remembrance Ceremony**

1. L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy – Received for information.

**D. Communications from the Board Chair**

The board chair noted that this is the first regular meeting since the board approved the new agenda format as part of its Trustees' Manual Review. Reports from the superintendent are now grouped together and reports from the board, committees and representatives will also be grouped together. She noted that community reports from trustees will be dealt with under Section I.

**E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools — None**

**F. Minutes:**

2. Board Meeting #15 – September 11, 2007
3. Organizational Board Meeting – October 30, 2007

Approved as printed.

**G. Improving Student Achievement:**

4. Improving Student Achievement at Killarney Junior High School

Received for information.

## **H. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:**

5. Alberta Education Diploma Examination Results and District Successful Course Completion Rates

Received for information.

6. 2007 Provincial Achievement Test Results

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibeault requested information that would provide a comparison of the district's results with those of other large urban boards in the province and information as to what would account for any differences given a similar student population.

7. 2006-07 Community Satisfaction Survey Results

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Colburn suggested that the survey include a question that would ask respondents if they believe it is up to schools to provide healthy lifestyle choices.

c) Trustee Gibson noted that the community indicated that they receive information about the district primarily via the media and suggested that that this information be provided to the Community Relations Committee for consideration as to how to engage the non-parent community.

8. 2006-07 District Satisfaction Survey Results

Received for information.

9. Fourth Quarterly Report: June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007

Received for information.

10. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

a) Received for information.

- b) Trustee Esslinger suggested that the parent survey referred to in the response to Trustee Request #326 also be extended to Mount Pleasant families and that the survey gather information regarding the number of families that have taken advantage of the free student transportation that has been provided to students from the closed schools.

## **I. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports**

11. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held September 18, 2007)  
Approved recommendation re confirmation of central service appointment.
12. Review – Board Regulation FEE.BR – Site Acquisition and Disposal
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) Third consideration and final approval scheduled for November 27, 2007 board meeting.
13. Policies Bulletin for the 2007 ASBA Fall General Meeting  
Approved recommendation.
14. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta Fall General Meeting  
Approved recommendation.

## **• Community Activities**

1. Trustee Huff reported that she and Trustees Fleming and Ripley attended the Public School Board Association of Alberta, University, Year I, in Calgary. The conference was well attended by trustees from across the province.
2. Trustee Gibeault reported that he had represented the board at the Premier's presentation to L. Y. Cairns students on November 9. Trustee Gibeault also laid a wreath on behalf of the board during the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Butterdome.
3. Trustees Gibeault and Ripley attended the New Teacher Induction Ceremony hosted by the Edmonton Public Schools Teachers Local on November 12, 2007.

4. Trustee Colburn attended the Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Coalition for Healthy School Communities and was appointed Co-Chair on behalf of the education community. Trustee Colburn noted that this would provide an opportunity to better school health.
5. Trustee Esslinger attended an International Education Week video conference at Queen Elizabeth School on November 13, 2007. The video conference provided students with an opportunity to share ideas and celebrate global citizenship.
6. Trustee Gibson attended the Annual General Meeting of the Child and Family Services, Region 6. The focus of the report to stakeholders conveys a strong desire to collaborate to meet needs of children. Trustee Gibson believes this commitment will provide a tremendous opportunity through the district's Linkages Committee. A copy of Annual Report will be available on the Trustees On-Line Reading Room.

#### **J. Comments from the Public and Staff Groups**

Mr. Mark Ramsankar, President Edmonton Public Teachers advised that sixty-eight new teachers were welcomed to the district and the Local at the New Teacher Induction Ceremony on November 12, 2007. He thanked the superintendent for speaking at the ceremony. The local is looking forward to working with the board to provide initiatives that will support the work of the new teachers.

#### **K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

1. Trustee Huff requested information on whether other districts have student advisory groups that provide input to the board.
2. Trustee Esslinger indicated that she had previously requested that the draft provincial nutrition guidelines be provided to trustees and information on how the administration intends to implement the guidelines be provided.

This was partly answered in a TM last week. She requested that this information be brought forward to the next board meeting so that it can be discussed.

**L. Notices of Motion**

1. Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

*That Board Policy JAB.BP be amended as follows:*

- *In section A (Formal Delegations and Presentation to Board), subsection 7, delete the sentence: “Trustees may not comment on the presentation but may ask clarifying questions of the speaker through the chair”, and*
- *In Section C (General Comments on an Education Issue at the End of a Board Meeting), subsection 5, delete the sentence: “With the exception of the chair, who may provide or request clarification as required, trustees will not make comments or ask questions of the speaker.”*

2. Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

*That the district eliminate the sale of junk food in all Edmonton Public Schools and that the administration be directed to deliver a report to public board on the process and timeframe necessary to achieve this end, by no later than March 30, 2008.*

**M. Next Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**N. Duration of Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.