



Summary of Board Meeting #2
Held Tuesday, November 16, 2010

A. O Canada:  (6:00 p.m.) – *District O Canada Video*

B. Roll Call: All Trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board – *items will be included in the November 16th minutes.*

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – *items will be included in the November 16th minutes.*

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #19 – September 14, 2010
2. Board Meeting – September 17, 2010
3. Board Meeting – October 22, 2010

Approved as printed.

4. Organizational Board Meeting – November 2, 2010

a) Trustee Johner noted a correction on page 15 of the minutes – the Africa Centre is at Wellington School.

b) Approved as amended.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – *items will be included in the November 16th minutes.*

G. Reports

5. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 9, 2010)

Approved recommendation.

6. Actions Taken by the Superintendent of Schools Under Delegation of Authority

Received for information.

8. Motion re Establishment of a Special Needs Task Force

Approved recommendation.

7. Motion re Commitment to Discussions with Provincial and Municipal Governments re School Space

Approved amended recommendation (Edmonton Catholic Schools was added as one of the parties for the discussions).

9. Policies Bulletin for the 2010 ASBA Fall General Meeting

Approved recommendation.

18. Sector Reviews: Update

Received for information.

10. Alberta School Boards Association's (ASBA) Request for Input from EPSB

Approved recommendation with the addition of a reference to the desire for local control (i.e. taxation authority).

11. Board Policy Review - IF.BP - Safe, Caring and Respectful Learning Environments

Approved amended policy as follows -- the last sentence of policy was amended to read: *The Board expects that school and District staff will be respectful of the concerns of students and their families and will work with them to provide appropriate supports and resolve their issues in a timely manner.*"

12. Review of Board Policy AGA.BP – Recognition of Students, Staff, Parents and Community

a) Approved recommendation.

b) Trustees suggested that information regarding award nomination forms and nomination procedures be featured more prominently on the District website.

13. Review of Board Policy JBD.BP - Protocol for Trustee Recognition at School or Public Events

Approved recommendation.

14. Review of Board Policy JJ.BP – Assisting Community Organizations

The policy was referred to the Policy Review Committee for clarification.

15. Policy Review – EBC.BP - Emergency Plans

Approved recommendation.

16. Policy Review – ECA.BP – Security and Vandalism

Approved recommendation.

17. Accountability Pillar and Student Achievement Results

Received for information.

19. Webcasting of Public Board Meetings

a) Received for information.

b) Trustees requested the following with respect to the report being prepared for the January 11, 2011 Board Meeting regarding the webcasting of public board meetings:

-consider excluding the cost of Communications staff time (Trustee MacKenzie)

-include the number of people who watch archived copies of the livestream (Trustee Hoffman)

20. Responses to Board Requests for Information

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Cleary will provide her requests for information regarding WiFi in writing to the Administration.

21. Bereavement

Received with regret

H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Ripley requested that the following information be provided:

An analysis of how the proposed framework for the new *Education Act* aligns with the Board's stated priorities for the new *Education Act* and with respect to the Minister's transformation of the education system.

2. Trustee Spencer requested that the following information be provided:

What initiatives are currently underway in District schools to support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-Identified and Questioning/Queer (LGBTQ) youth? What are some of the best practices adopted by other jurisdictions to create engagement with sexual minority communities, particularly in response to recent high-profile suicides in North America linked to homophobic bullying?

3. Trustee Hoffman requested that the following information be provided:

The 2009-2010 school class size information (maximum, minimum and mean) for each of the grade levels at each of the schools that were closed during the 2010 summer break.

4. Trustee Hoffman requested that the following information be provided:

The 2010-2011 school class size information (maximum, minimum and mean) for 2011 school year for the designated receiving schools of those students who relocated following the school closures of the 2010 summer break.

5. Trustee Johner requested that the following information be provided:

Explain the costs associated with 2009-2010 school closures. This report should include the total cost breakdown including transportation of technology (computers and SmartBoards), transportation of equipment (such as desks, library materials and office equipment) and repurposing of school space (such as lowering water fountains, lease hold improvements, locker installation, additional supplies as well as staff costs) that were required to ensure appropriate accommodations for the relocation of students.

6. Trustee Janz requested that the following information be provided:

Student population projections for Edmonton compiled by the City and Province for the year 2020 and beyond if such information is available.

7. Trustee Janz requested that the following information be provided:

A summary identifying previous attempts and outcomes by the Edmonton Public School Board to change Provincial funding formulas regarding utilization rates since 2000.

8. Trustee Cleary requested that the following information be provided:

An updated version of the leasing summary board report dated June 15, 2010. This update should also include information regarding who determines the rates and categories for these spaces. The update should include information pertaining to Strathearn, Ritchie, McCauley, Fulton and Capilano Schools.

9. Trustee Cleary requested that the following information be provided:

Provide a comparative analysis of utilization rates (Alberta Commission on Learning, area capacity utilization and optimal enrolment limit) for each school currently on the sector review list as well as the utilization rates for those schools over the last 10 years.

10. Trustee Shipka requested that the following information be provided:

Provide information on the savings expected over the short and long term from closing the five schools and one program (infrastructure and personnel, etc.).

I. Notices of Motion

Trustee Hoffman served notice of the following motion:

That the Board impose a renewable two year moratorium on school closures, and that during this time the board seek to further understand the issues and impacts surrounding school closures. During the moratorium, the board will also identify a number of ways to support schools instead of close them.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

K. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 10:20 p.m.