



**Summary of Board Meeting #6  
Held Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

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

**B. Roll Call:** Trustee Gibeault was absent.

**C. Communications from the Board Chair**

1. The Board Chair noted that the White Ribbon Campaign will begin tomorrow - November 25, and will run through December 6th. The White Ribbon Campaign is intended to make the public aware that violence against women is unacceptable. The Board endorsed this campaign in 1996 and urges schools and staff to recognize this initiative. CUPE Local 474 has provided each Trustee and staff member with a white ribbon.
2. The Board Chair advised that Board members have agreed to amend the order of the agenda by dealing with report 11 before report 10.

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

The Superintendent noted that the District is participating in the United Way campaign. As a vital organization in the community, we recognize the significant contributions other organizations make in support of children and families. Their work has an impact on student learning and success. The District's campaign theme is the *Power of Five*, with a visual representation of a hand, a hand that supports students and one that gives generously. The five referred to in this campaign are all staff groups, the ATA Local, CUPE Locals 474 (Custodial), 784 (Maintenance), and 3550 (Support staff), as well as exempt staff. This means that all staff members are invited to participate in ways that demonstrate that the Edmonton Public School Board is also a good corporate citizenship by participating in the United Way campaign. The District's campaign is wrapping up soon and, at this point in time, we have achieved 61% of our collective target. This represents \$71,000 our \$120,000 target.

## **E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #5 – November 10, 2009

Approved as amended (correction on page 5 re PUF funding).

## **F. Improving Student Achievement:**

2. Improving Student Achievement: Engaging Students through Volunteerism

Received for information.

## **G. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives**

1. Mr. Ed Butler, President Edmonton Public Teachers, noted that the Teacher Induction Ceremony was held on Monday, November 16, 2009 and was attended by a number of Trustees as well as the Superintendent. He thanked the Board, on behalf of the Local, for its support of these new teachers at the beginning of their careers.
2. Ms Holly Newman, a resident of the Norwood community and the mother of children attending Norwood and Victoria Schools, expressed concerns with respect to the sector review process. She noted that the Norwood community faces a number of challenges such as drugs and prostitution and an elementary school is a vital symbol of hope in the community. She urged the Board to consider the importance of schools in the inner city.
3. Ms Anna Marie Sewell, a resident of the Norwood community, also expressed concern with the sector review process. She noted there are currently several dozen volunteers working in support of keeping schools in the inner city because of their importance. She noted that group has a number of questions such as why the sector review process has been set up this way, as well as what can the volunteers do to work with the Board the City and the Province to keep inner-city schools open.

The Board Chair asked Ms Sewell to submit her questions to the recording secretary for follow-up by the Administration.

Ms Sewell provided a copy of her questions.

## **H. Reports**

3. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 17, 2009)

Approved recommendation.

4. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 17, 2009)  
Approved recommendation.
5. Motion re Board Succession Plan
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) The approved motion was referred to the Planning and Policy Committee.
6. Motion re District Priorities Committee  
Approved recommendation.
7. Proposed Early Years Policy  
Approved recommendation.
8. Policy Review JAB.BP – Formal Delegations, Presentations and Comments to the Board  
Approved recommendation with following amendment (Section B – add as number 5. *The Board Chair will thank the speaker*).
9. Policy Review – GAA.BP Personnel Policies Priority Objectives
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) Third consideration and final approval of policy scheduled for December 8, 2009 board meeting.
11. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2008-2009 School and Central Department Results  
Received for information.
10. Approval of 2009-2010 Expenditures Budget
  - a) Approved recommendation.
  - b) Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding the \$250,000 that was set aside as a contingency for special needs transportation pending the results of the Transportation Review.
12. Edmonton Public Schools' Annual Education Results Report 2008-2009  
Approved recommendation.

13. Responses to Board Requests for Information

Received for information.

14. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

Trustee Huff reported on the meeting she recently attended of the Sexual Exploitation Working Group.

**I. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

1. Trustee Esslinger requested that information be provided regarding the following:
  - current list of schools offering full-day kindergarten
  - the factors involved with schools getting full-day kindergarten
  - listing of schools that will be getting full-day kindergarten soon
  - the number of schools offering one or two classes of full-day kindergarten
  - what is the cost of offering full-day kindergarten.

A majority of the Board agreed with the request going forward.

2. Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding class sizes within the District that identifies the number of classes that are above ACOL standard, the number of students in these classes and a breakdown of the number of classes exceeding ACOL standards by 10%, 20% and greater than 20%.

A majority of the Board agreed with the request going forward.

**J. Notices of Motion**

1. Trustee Esslinger served notice of the following motion:

*That the Board rescind the requirement for a motion to extend the board meeting past the 9:00 p.m. adjournment time.*

2. Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

*That a working committee be created by the Board consisting of Trustees, City Councillors and MLAs to engage in tri-level discussions examining all possibilities related to school closures, school viability and any other related matters deemed appropriate by the committee.*

**K. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**

**L. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**