



Summary of Board Meeting #6 Held Tuesday, November 25, 2008

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

B. Roll Call: All trustees were present.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

1. The Board Chair advised that the White Ribbon Campaign began today 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 the Community Partner Recognition Event and Launch of the 2008 Report to the Community will be held tomorrow evening at the Centre for Education at 5:00 p.m.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #5 – November 12, 2008

Approved with amendment on page 8 – Trustee Ripley was not in attendance at the Writings on the Wall Conference held on November 1, 2008.

F. Improving Student Achievement:

2. Improving Student Achievement Through Technology Integration

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibson requested that trustees be provided with a copy of the slide of the 7 Technology Integration Planning Services (TIPS) Guiding Principals from the presentation regarding Improving Student Achievement Through Technology Integration.

c) Trustee Fleming asked how much does the province allocate to the District for technology.

G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

3. School Year Calendar 2010-2011
Approved recommendation.
4. Annual Implementation Plan: 2008-2009
 - a) Approved recommendation.
 - b) The Board heard from:
 - Mr. Christopher Spencer, Secretary Grovenor School Council.
 - Mr. Scott Laurie
5. Aboriginal Education Policy and Regulation Implementation Plan: Year One
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) Trustee Gibson requested that a letter be prepared for the Board Chair's signature to accompany this report to be sent to the following groups:
 - Minister of Education
 - Minister of Aboriginal Relations
 - Minister of Children and Youth Services
 - Edmonton Area MLAs
 - City Council
 - Post-Secondary Institutions
 - Community newsletters catering to the Aboriginal community

Trustees concurred.
6. District Energy and Environmental Management
Deferred to the December 9, 2008 Board Meeting.
7. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information
 - a) Received for information.
 - b) The Board heard from the following speakers:
 - Mrs. Catherine Burke, Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities of Alberta Association, and Chair Academy at King Edward Academy Parent Council
 - Ms Madeline Rainey, parent of a special needs child
 - Ms Lori Frankhanel, parent of special needs children

- c) Trustee Huff requested that further information be provided with respect to TT#134 regarding specifically how the District addressed the recommendations from the Alberta Education Programming Standards Review.

Trustee Colburn also requested information regarding the role of the board in terms of the action plan from Edmonton Public Schools (page 2, second bullet).

Trustee Colburn requested that information be provided regarding how the District will ensure the parent voice is taken into consideration in the District's response to the Special Education Review.

H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports:

8. Report #4 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held November 19, 2008)

Approved recommendation.

9. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 19, 2008)

Approved recommendation.

10. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2007-2008 School and Central Department Results

Received for information.

11. Annual Education Results Report 2007-2008

Approved recommendation.

12. Fall 2008 Update to 2008/2009 Budget

Received for information

I. Other Trustee Reports:

Trustee Huff, Co-Chair Ad Hoc Committee to Review School Closure and Sustainability Review Processes, requested that trustees provide her with their input regarding the proposed web survey. She advised that the committee will be asking the board for an extension of the January 30th reporting deadline.

The web survey will be discussed at the December 2, 2008 Conference Committee Meeting.

Trustees were asked to provide their comments in advance of the meeting.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Trustee Esslinger advised that she had been pleased to attend the Teacher Induction Ceremony held last Monday.

Mr. Mark Ramsankar, President Edmonton Public Teachers, reported that a little over 100 teachers were inducted into the profession at the Teacher Induction Ceremony that was held last Monday at Barnett House.

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Fleming requested that information be provided regarding the recent provincial supervisory requirements for work experience students in terms of its impact of the District. What will be the district's response?
2. Trustee Colburn requested information regarding the feasibility of the Board adopting a paperless format in conducting its business (costs, etc.)
3. Provide information regarding the status of the trustee initiative for an alternate certificate of achievement.

L. Notices of Motion

Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

That, in accordance with requirements identified in the Alberta Education "Standards for Special Education" a substantive report come to board reporting on the effectiveness of special education programming and services in the District and include information on expenditures and achievement related to the District's special education programming.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

N. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.