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- Board Meeting #2 -

Minutes of the board meeting of the trustees of the Edmonton School District No. 7 of the Province of Alberta held in McCauley Chambers in the Centre for Education on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees

David Colburn
Bev Esslinger
Don Fleming

Gerry Gibeault
Ken Gibson
Sue Huff

George Rice
Catherine Ripley
Ken Shipka

Officials

Edgar Schmidt
Donna Barrett
Jenise Bidulock

Bruce Coggles
Ron MacNeil
Tanni Parker
Betty Tams

Dave Jones
Eddie Mah
Brad Mamchur
Kathy Muhlethaler
Lori Price-Wagner

Board Chair: Bev Esslinger

Secretary: Anne Sherwood


Recording Secretary: Pam Crozier

Employee Representatives:

Edmonton Public Teachers – Mark Ramsankar, President
CUPE Local 3550 (Support Staff) – Trudy Grebenstein, President

A. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Sherwood reported that all trustees were present.

B. **O Canada** –  *L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy*

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C. Remembrance Ceremony:

1. L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

“That the report entitled ‘L’Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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. Trustee community relations activities will be dealt with under Section I.

E. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

F. Minutes:

2. Board Meeting #15 – September 11, 2007

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the minutes of Board Meeting #15 held September 11, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

3. Organizational Board Meeting – October 30, 2007

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held October 30, 2007 be approved as printed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

G. Improving Student Achievement

4. Improving Student Achievement at Killarney Junior High School

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

“That the report entitled ‘Improving Student Achievement at Killarney Junior High School’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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H. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:

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

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

“That the report entitled ‘Alberta Education Diploma Examination Results and District Successful Course Completion Rates’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

6. 2007 Provincial Achievement Test Results

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘2007 Provincial Achievement Test Results’ be received for information.”

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.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7. 2006-07 Community Satisfaction Survey Results

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘2006-07 Community Satisfaction Survey Results’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

8. 2006-07 District Satisfaction Survey Results

MOVED BY Trustee Gibeault:

“That the report entitled ‘2006-07 District Satisfaction Survey Results’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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

MOVED BY Trustee Colburn:

“That the report entitled ‘Fourth Quarterly Report: June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007’ be received for information.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

The board took a short break at this time.

10. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“That the report entitled ‘Responses to Trustee Requests for Information’ be received for information.”

Trustee Esslinger requested that the parent survey referred to in the response to trustee tracking 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.

The board chair called the question.

The Motion was UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

I. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

11. Report #1 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held September 18, 2007)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“1. That report #1 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held September 18, 2007 be received and considered.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

MOVED BY Trustee Gibson:

“2. That the appointment of David Fraser to the position of Managing Director, effective September 19, 2007, be confirmed.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)

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12. Review – Board Regulation FEE.BR – Site Acquisition and Disposal

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “1. That the replacement of Board Regulation FEE.BR – Site Acquisition and Disposal with new Board Policy FEE.BP – Site Acquisition and Disposal be introduced.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “2. That the replacement of Board Regulation FEE.BR – Site Acquisition and Disposal with new Board Policy FEE.BP – Site Acquisition and Disposal be considered for the first time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

MOVED BY Trustee Fleming:

- “3. That the replacement of Board Regulation FEE.BR – Site Acquisition and Disposal with new Board Policy FEE.BP – Site Acquisition and Disposal be considered for the second time.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

13. Policies Bulletin for the 2007 ASBA Fall General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Esslinger:

- “That the board’s position with respect to each of the ASBA policy and directives for action proposed for the 2007 ASBA Fall General Meeting be approved.” (UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED)**

14. Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta Fall General Meeting

MOVED BY Trustee Rice:

- “That board support for the proposed 2008 fee schedule and budget be approved.”**

The board chair called the question.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees Colburn, Esslinger, Fleming, Huff, Rice, Ripley and Shipka

OPPOSED: Trustees Gibeault and Gibson

The Motion was CARRIED.

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- **Trustee Community Activities**

Trustee Huff reported that she and Trustees Fleming and Ripley attended the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, University Year I, in Calgary. The conference was well attended by trustees from across the province.

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 reported that he had laid a wreath on behalf of the board during the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Buttermere.

Trustee Gibeault noted that he and Trustee Ripley attended the New Teacher Induction Ceremony hosted by the Edmonton Public Schools Teachers Local on November 12, 2007.

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 Esslinger attended an International Education Week video conference at Queen Elizabeth School on November 13, 2007.

Trustee Gibson attended the Annual General Meeting of Child and Family Services, Region 6. The focus of the report to stakeholders conveys a strong desire to collaborate to meet needs of children. This commitment will provide an opportunity through the district's Linkages Committee.

J. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

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

Trustee Huff requested that information be provided on whether other districts have student advisory groups that provide input to the board.

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Trustee Esslinger indicated that she had previously requested that the draft provincial nutrition guidelines and information on how the administration intends to implement the guidelines be provided to trustees. 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

Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

That Board Policy JAB.BP – Formal Delegations, Presentations and Comments to the Board be amended as follows:

- a) In Section A (Formal Delegations and Presentations 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.”*
- b) In Section C (General Comments on an Educational 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.”*

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. Adjournment: (8:50 p.m.)

The board chair adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair

Board Secretary