



Summary of Board Meeting #3 Tuesday, November 29, 2005

A. **O Canada** – District Video.

B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustee Hansen was absent.

C. **Communications from the Board Chair**

1. Advised that, at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Public School Boards Association of Alberta, Trustee Don Fleming was elected to the position of President of PSBAA. Trustee Fleming brings a wealth of experience to the position – not only as a trustee but also as a Past President of the Association. She congratulated him on behalf of the board.
2. Advised that, this year, the White Ribbon Campaign began November 28th 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 with a white ribbon.

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

The acting superintendent advised that members of Superintendent's Council were present to provide a school perspective in response to any questions arising from trustee subcommittee reviews of school results.

E. **Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #2 – November 8, 2005

Approved as printed.

F. **Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Earl Buxton – Focus on Writing

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Report #1 of the Audit Committee (From the Meeting Held November 23, 2005)

Approved recommendation regarding submission of audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2005 to the Minister of Education.

4. Motion re Letter to Minister of Education

Approved recommendation.

5. Full-day Kindergarten: Longitudinal Effects Through Grade Three

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Colburn requested that the administration review the recommendations contained in the report 'Full-day Kindergarten: Longitudinal Effects Through Grade Three' and provide information to trustees with respect to the implications and considerations of implementing the recommendations.

The acting superintendent undertook to conduct this review and report back to the board.

c) The following motion put forward by Trustee Gibson was approved:

That the Edmonton Public School Board share the report entitled 'Full-day Kindergarten: Longitudinal Effects Through Grade Three' with the Minister of Education and other school jurisdictions in the province and to renew our call for adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for full-day kindergarten for students in high needs neighbourhoods.

6. Trustee Subcommittee Review of 2004-2005 School and Central Department Results

a) Received for information.

b) Trustees noted the following:

- Trustee Gibson suggested that the board consider reviewing the policy Metro Continuing Education be reviewed to bring its objectives in line with district priorities.
- Trustee Keiver suggested that the results review documentation for Institutional Services be adapted to accommodate its unique circumstances.
- Trustee Fleming noted from the school results that there were a number of concerns with respect to the adequacy of PO&M funding.

- Trustee Gibeault suggested that the enhanced support for the City Centre Education Project be reviewed for the spring budget in light of the needs for enhanced support to other clusters of schools with similar high needs.
- Trustee Esslinger noted concerns in the schools regarding adequacy of funding to provide support for ESL students.

8. Presentation by the Edmonton Logos Society

Heard a presentation by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, President Edmonton Logos Society, commemorating the tenth year of the Logos Christian Program in the district. He commended the board and administration for its leadership and support of the program.

7. Edmonton Public Schools' Annual Education Results Report 2004-05

Approved recommendation.

9. Promoting Healthy Lifestyles for Edmonton Public School Students

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Colburn requested that a sampling of research be presented to board regarding the link between learning, healthy lifestyles and proper nutrition to highlight the work in the district in promoting healthy lifestyles for Edmonton Public School students this regard.

10. Update on the New High School in Riverbend/Terwillegar

Received for information.

11. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports – None.

- **Community Relations Activities** – None.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives – None.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

Trustee Keiver requested an update regarding the June 28, 2005 motion to request emergent funding to complete essential facility modifications to accommodate students from our closed schools. Did we receive the funding and, if not, have we transferred the necessary funds from Capital Reserve so as not to detrimentally affect the budgets of the receiving schools.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Next Meeting Date: December 13, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.