

DATE: October 11, 2011
TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Joint (Virtual) Meeting with Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
ORIGINATOR: Tanni Parker, Assistant Superintendent
RESOURCE STAFF: N/A
REFERENCE: N/A

ISSUE

The administration was requested to prepare a presentation to share with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, in a joint session between the two boards, on how Edmonton Public Schools has used creative process in governance.

BACKGROUND

In May 2011 the Board of Trustees agreed to connect with the Ottawa-Carleton Board in real time. The topic that was selected to be shared was creativity.

CURRENT SITUATION

The presentation is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on October 11, 2011.

KEY POINTS

- Edmonton Public Schools has a long history of finding creative responses to challenges (e.g., site-based management, open boundaries, alternative programs).
- Most recently the Board has been challenged with how to deal with excess district space.
- In 2008 a Discrete Choice survey was approved by the Board to understand the values and “drivers” related to schools and space.

ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I Joint (Virtual) Meeting Agenda

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AGENDA

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011
5:00 – 6:00 pm
Joint (virtual) Meeting
Edmonton Public School Board
and
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
McCauley Chambers
One Kingsway**

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| 1. | Opening Remarks and Introductions
Dave Colburn, Chair, Edmonton Public Schools Board and
Jennifer McKenzie, Chair, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board | 8 minutes |
| 2. | Presentation – Creativity Initiative
Peter Gamwell, Superintendent of Instruction and
Pino Buffone, Superintendent of Curriculum Services | 20 minutes |
| 3. | *Questions and Answers (from Edmonton Board) | 10 minutes |
| 4. | Presentation – Initiatives
Edmonton Public Schools Board
Tanni Parker, Assistant Superintendent Student Learning Services | 10 minutes |
| 5. | *Questions and Answers (from Ottawa-Carleton Board) | 10 minutes |
| 6. | Next Steps | 2 minutes |

**1 minute question with up to 2 minutes for response*