



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Summary of Board Meeting #4 Held Tuesday, October 25, 2011

A. O Canada:  (2:00 p.m.) – District O Canada Video

B. Roll Call: Trustee MacKenzie was absent.

C. Communications from the Board Chair

1. The Board Chair advised that, at the October 11, 2011 board meeting, Board Policy IEC.BP – Student Admission to the District was considered for the first and second time. Normally, the policy would have been brought to next board meeting for third consideration and final approval; however, it will be brought to the November 8, 2011 board meeting to allow time the information requested at the last meeting to be provided.
2. The Board Chair advised that, on Friday, October 21, 2011, he attended the performance of the Shandong Performing Arts Troupe at Dovercourt School. He commended the Confucius Institute.
3. The Board Chair advised that, on October 26, 2011, the Edmonton Public Schools District's Foundation will be launching the Full-Day Kindergarten Program at Lauderdale School.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools

1. The Superintendent advised the District is being featured in an upcoming Chinese language documentary by Omni Canada, highlighting the District's long standing commitment to Mandarin bilingual and second language education. The documentary will also feature the supportive work of parents through the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association, an important partner that supports the program in numerous ways. The Board will be advised when the documentary will be aired.

2. The Superintendent reported that he, along with Assistant Superintendent Coggles, hosted Mr. Steve Munby, Chief Executive of the National College of School Leadership from the UK last Friday afternoon. Mr. Munby was here speaking at a conference and had asked to meet with Edmonton Public School representatives to learn about the District and our leadership development approaches. They visited two schools with him and had an opportunity for deeper dialogue regarding their mutual challenges and opportunities for addressing ever changing educational contexts. Mr. Munby stated how impressed he was with the District principals, and with all leadership staff attending the conference – specifically referring to their commitment to professionalism and passion for educating all students.
3. The Superintendent advised that, this afternoon, *Art in the Centre* will be taking place. Families have been invited to the Centre to view their children's art being featured throughout the building.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #3 – October 11, 2011- Approved as printed.

F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

Mr. Ed Butler, President Edmonton Public Teachers, expressed appreciation for the motion regarding Provincial Achievement Tests.

G. Tracking Progress and Excellence in the 2011-2014 Priorities

2. The Milk Revolution at Westglen School – Received for information.

H. Reports

3. Report #2 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held September 20, 2011 and October 18, 2011)

Approved recommendation.

4. Board Authorization of Trustee Absence – Approved recommendation.

5. Motion re Provincial Achievement Tests

The Motion was deferred to the November 8, 2011 board meeting.

6. Request from Renew 1.1.2

The Administration will bring forward a recommendation with respect to the request of Renew 1.1.2 to the November 8, 2011 board meeting.

7. 2010-11 Edmonton Public Schools' Student, Parent, Staff and Community Satisfaction Surveys

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Hoffman made the following request: Provide historical information regarding what factors may have caused the changes in the level of confidence of principals and central services staff in the Board of Trustees.

8. Africa Centre Parent Information Sessions (Response to Trustee Request #120)

9. Edmonton Public Schools Foundation (EPS Foundation) Progress Report (Response to Trustee Request #121)

Received for information.

10. Bereavement

Received with regret.

I. Other Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports

1. *Information provided by the external committee representatives will be included in the minutes of the October 25, 2011 board meeting.*

2. a) Trustee Spencer, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, invited Trustees to provide their comments and thoughts on the letter that was distributed which was prepared by the Administration with respect to input regarding the *Education Act* (Bill 18).

b) The Board approved a motion to move in camera to discuss the matter.

c) The Board approved the following motion: *That the letter with respect to the Board's input regarding the Education Act (Bill 18) be approved as amended and that the Board Chair be granted the authority to finalize and sign the letter.*

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

K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information

1. Trustee Cleary made the following request:
 - a. Investigate and provide a comprehensive report on the Mental Health Strategy Framework to report on:
 - How is it aligned with the District?
 - Ways it could be strengthened to realign with the District?
 - Identify barriers in the Framework for the District.
 - b. Investigate and provide a comprehensive report back on the Lieutenant Governor's Circle on Mental Health and Addiction – a new Alberta initiative launched earlier this month to report on:
 - Opportunities for the District and provide comments on the awards program and how the District may be able to be part of this initiative.
2. Trustee Hoffman made the following request: (This request is in followup to a professional development session for Trustees recently on school fees).
 - Provide a brief report identifying how much the District collected in instructional fees from parents/guardians last year. Present this data both as a total summation as well as an average per student.
 - Provide information on how this amount compares to other metro boards and instructional fees in Alberta – if this data has already been compiled.
3. Trustee Hoffman made the following request:

Provide a status update regarding the recommendations brought forward by the Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee last year. This update should include what has been done to date as well as the next steps to prevent bullying the district with their anticipated time lines.

L. Notices of Motion

1. Trustee Shipka served notice of the following motion:

That the Board develop a policy related to student placement and retention that is in accordance with the legislation under the *School Act* and recognizes parental involvement in the placement of their child.

2. Trustee Colburn served notice of the following motion:

In order to accommodate Board meetings ending before 5:00 p.m., people wishing to speak under the 5:00 p.m. *Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives* slot be required to pre-register.

M. Next Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

N. Duration of Meeting: 2:00 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.