



**Summary of Board Meeting #4  
Held Tuesday, October 28, 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 Mr. Will Simpson and Dr. Maureen Stratton Lemieux were present along with a number of students from an after-degree education course at Concordia University College of Alberta. The course taught by both Mr. Simpson and Dr. Stratton Lemieux focuses on issues in the organizational framework of teaching. One of the requirements of the course is that the students have a first-hand experience to see how public school governance works.
2. The board chair advised that she had been invited to participate in a conference call with the Minister of Education and board chairs on November 6, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. regarding Phase Two of the Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement Project.

She noted that the following two questions have been identified to be asked during the conference call:

- clarification of community use of Phase Two ASAP schools
- will the current economic situation affect the construction of Phase Two ASAP schools

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

The superintendent advised, with regret, that former staff member, Dale Armstrong, passed away last week. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at McDougall United Church on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

**E. Minutes:**

1. Board Meeting #3 – October 14, 2008

Approved as printed.

**F. Improving Student Achievement:**

2. Improving Student Achievement Through Consulting Services: The Student Focus

Received for information.

**G. Reports from the Superintendent of Schools:**

3. Accountability Pillar and Student Achievement Results

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibson requested that information be provided regarding the reasons why students who could have written student achievement tests did not. Is this a systemic problem? What can be done?

c) Trustee Ripley requested that that consideration be given to how information can be shared with the board and the public regarding student achievement results; e.g. are extra resources required to increase the results.

4. 2007-2008 Student, Parent, Staff Satisfaction Survey Results and 2007-08 Community Satisfaction Survey Results

Received for information.

5. Career Education Focus: The Skill Centre Pilot

Received for information.

6. School Capital Projects Update

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibeault requested that information be provided regarding the status of the South Campus of Ellerslie School and when it may be available for students.

7. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

**H. Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports:**

8. Motion re SchoolZone

The following motion will be brought forward to the November 12, 2008 board meeting.

*That the administration engage in discussions with the Edmonton Public Local of the Alberta Teachers' Association on ways to improve parent engagement, including a review of all current tools and resources currently supporting parent engagement and that the administration report back to public board on the outcome of these discussions before the end of the school year.*

9. Proposed Board Policy GBCB.BP – District Staff Code of Conduct

Approved recommendation.

10. Policy Reviews: DG.BP – Appointment of Principal Banker and DIE.BP – Auditor

Approved recommendation.

11. Policy Review – Board Policy DJ.BP – Purchasing

The policy was referred to the Planning and Policy Committee.

**I. Other Trustee Reports:**

1. Trustee Ripley reported that she and Trustee Gibeault represented the board today at the signing of a partnership agreement between the district, Goethe-Intitut (which is based in Toronto) and the Central Agency for German Schools Abroad. The intent of the agreement is to support and enhance German language and culture education.
2. Trustee Gibson reported that he, Trustees Esslinger and Gibeault and Assistant Superintendent Donna Barrett and Programs Director Gloria Chalmers were guests at the Edmonton & Area Child and Family Services Region 6 Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008.

3. Trustee Rice reported on PSBAA University Year II held October 16 to 17, 2008. The sessions dealt with trustee professional development. He noted that Trustees Huff, Ripley and Fleming attended the sessions as well.
4. Trustee Rice reported on the PSBAA Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, October 18, 2008. Trustees Fleming, Ripley and Shipka were also in attendance. He indicated that he would provide further information to the trustees with respect to the meeting.
5. Trustee Colburn reported that he has been invited, as a member of the Alberta Coalition for Healthy School Communities, to sit on an Alberta Education external advisory committee to review all health and wellness programs and initiatives in the province including K-12 physical education curriculum, the CALM program and the daily physical activity requirement. The work of the committee will begin in a few weeks.
6. Trustee Esslinger reported that she and Trustees Colburn, Huff and Rice attended the district's School Health Symposium held on Monday, October 27, 2008.
7. Trustee Esslinger reported that, today, she attended an Alberta School Boards Association Transportation Task Force meeting.

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

**K. Trustee and Board Requests for Information**

Trustee Huff requested that information be provided regarding what mechanisms are in place to track development and success of special needs students.

**L. Notices of Motion – None.**

**M. Next Board Meeting Date: **Wednesday**, November 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.**

**O. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.**