



# Summary of Board Meeting #19 Held Tuesday, September 14, 2010

# A. O Canada: (6:00 p.m.) – District O Canada Video

#### **B. Roll Call:** All Trustees were present.

#### C. Communications from the Board Chair

The Board Chair noted that six new Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement (ASAP) schools have been opened this school year.

The District appreciates the Government of Alberta's commitment to find innovative ways to fund the construction of new schools in the communities where many families are choosing to live.

He noted; however, this has meant that the District opened an unprecedented number of student spaces in a short period of time -- 6000 spaces were opened, 5000 new spaces in the six ASAP schools, the five receiving schools, and the completion of the classrooms in Victoria.

He recognized the work of all central services departments with respect to the school openings and noted that this was a significant example of the District working together for the benefit of Edmonton students.

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

- 1. The Superintendent introduced the members of the Executive Team:
  - Bruce Coggles, Assistant Superintendent for Schools
  - Mark Liguori, Assistant Superintendent for Schools
  - Ron MacNeil, Assistant Superintendent for Schools
  - Jamie Pallett, Assistant Superintendent for Schools
  - Tanni Parker, Assistant Superintendent Student Learning Services
  - David Fraser, Executive Director Corporate Services
  - Brian Smith, Executive Director Finance and Infrastructure

- 2. The Superintendent advised that on September 1, 2010 Section 11.1 of the *Alberta Human Rights Act* came into effect. This section of the act requires school boards to provide notice to parents or guardians of students in certain teaching situations involving subject matter that deals *primarily and explicitly* with religion, human sexuality, religious themes or sexual orientation. He noted that the Administration has developed an information package that has been shared with schools which will be shared with parents.
- 3. The Superintendent acknowledged the Board's leadership during its three-year term and for its dedication and efforts at improving high school completion and the quality of public education.

# E. Minutes:

- 1. <u>Board Meeting #18 June 15, 2010</u>
  - a) The Board Chair advised that the following four reports were deferred from the June 15, 2010 board meeting:
    - Three-Year Education Plan 2010-211: Change in Process and Draft Plan
    - Major Maintenance Plan 2010-2011
    - Leasing Summary for 2009-2010
    - Update on Plan to Promote Healthy Food and Beverage Choices

Because of the length of the agenda for this meeting, the reports were forwarded to Trustees and have been received for information. The reports are posted on the District website for the June  $15^{th}$  board agenda.

b) Approved as printed.

# F. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

1. Ms Heather Reimer, expressed concern regarding the crowded learning conditions for the students of the Academy at King Edward Program at Victoria School. She noted she e-mailed her concerns to the Superintendent yesterday.

The Board Chair advised that the Administration would respond to her concerns.

2. Ms Kathryn Burke also expressed concern about the learning conditions for the students of the Academy at King Edward Program at Victoria School. Ms Burke provided the Board Secretary with a copy of her comments.

3. Ms Wendy Stalker expressed concern regarding the transportation services to John A. McDougall School. She noted she e-mailed information regarding her concerns to the Trustees. She provided a copy of her comments to the Board Secretary.

The Board Chair advised that the Administration would respond to her concerns.

4. Mr. Ed Butler, President Edmonton Public Schools, with respect to the report on the agenda this evening entitled *Tripartite Discussions on Sustaining Workforce Stability*, noted that this is an important opportunity for the Board working through the ASBA to discuss with the government issues such as requesting taxation authority, input into curriculum planning, etc.

Mr. Butler expressed concern regarding the implications of Board Policy ECA.BP – Security and Vandalism, specifically, that rewards should be paid for centrally rather than coming from school funds.

Mr. Butler thanked the Board for its efforts during its term.

#### G. Reports

2. Delegation of Authority – Superintendent of Schools – 2010 Summer Recess

Received for information.

3. <u>Report #15 of the Conference Committee (From the Meetings Held June 22 and September 7, 2010)</u>

Approved recommendation.

4. Board Evaluation 2009-2010 Summary Report

Received for information.

5. Motion re Florence Hallock School Attendance Boundaries

Trustee Esslinger withdrew the motion noting the Board is examining its attendance boundaries and policy implications for practice.

6. <u>Process and Timeline of the 2009-2010 Results Review</u>

Approved the following amended recommendation: That the timeline for review of 2009-2010 results be approved with the understanding that the Administration will work to reduce the number of decision units and schools to be reviewed in any one meeting.

- Funds for 2011-2012 Professional Improvement Program Approved recommendation.
- 8. <u>Budget Update</u>

Approved recommendation.

- 9. Foundation Report Full-Day Kindergarten Approved recommendation.
- 10. <u>Tripartite Discussion on Sustaining Workforce Stability</u> The recommendation was defeated.
- 11. Board Policy Review AA.BP Stakeholder Engagement

Approved recommendation.

- Policy Review HGDD.BP Performance and Exhibit Opportunities in the Fine Arts Approved recommendation.
- 13. Policy Review IF.BP- Safe, Caring and Respectful Learning Environments
  - a) Received first and second consideration.
  - b) This policy will be brought back for third consideration and final approval at the November 16, 2010 board meeting.
- 14. <u>Review of Board Policy AGA.BP Recognition of Students, Staff, Parents and</u> <u>Community</u>
  - a) Received first and second consideration.
  - b) This policy will be brought back for third consideration and final approval at the November 16, 2010 board meeting.

- 15. <u>Review of Board Policy JBD.BP Protocol for Trustee Recognition at School or</u> <u>Public Events</u>
  - a) Received first and second consideration.
  - b) This policy will be brought back for third consideration and final approval at the November 16, 2010 board meeting.

# 16. Review of Board Policy JJ.BP – Assisting Community Organizations

- a) Received first and second consideration.
- b) This policy will be brought back for third consideration and final approval at the November 16, 2010 board meeting.
- 17. Policy Review EBC.BP Emergency Plans
  - a) Received first and second consideration.
  - b) This policy will be brought back for third consideration and final approval at the November 16, 2010 board meeting.
- 18. Policy Review ECA.BP Security and Vandalism
  - a) Received first and second consideration of amended policy (item 3 should read: *The District may offer an acknowledgement for information leading to...*)
  - b) This policy will be brought back for third consideration and final approval at the November 16, 2010 board meeting.
- 19. <u>Sector Reviews: Update</u>

Received for information.

20. <u>Response to Board Request for Information</u>

Received for information.

# 21. <u>Committee, Board Representative and Trustee Reports</u>

- 1. Trustee Ripley advised that the next ASBA Zone 23 general meeting will be held Friday, September 24, 2010. She had asked Trustees what issues should be raised by the ASBA Zone 23 to advocate with MLAs at the MLA breakfast in February 2011. Trustees have submitted the following three items:
  - removing legislative barriers to providing wrap-around services
  - the role of school boards in the future and the importance of local autonomy
  - the roles of boards and the government and what they contribute to education

Trustees are asked to contact her if they have any additional items.

- 2. Trustee Ripley advised that Wildrose School Division would be submitting an emergent resolution for the Fall AGM with respect to continuing funding for the Alberta School Health Initiative.
- 3. Trustee Ripley, on behalf of the Board, expressed great appreciation for the efforts during the past three years of Trustees Esslinger, Fleming, Gibeault, Gibson and Huff who will not be seeking re-election.

# H. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

# **I.** Notices of Motion – None.

J. Next Board Meeting Date: Organizational Board Tuesday, November 2, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

# K. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.