

# EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 14, 2010

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee B. Esslinger

SUBJECT: Motion re Florence Hallock School Attendance Boundaries

## RECOMMENDATION

That the school catchment area for Florence Hallock junior high be extended to include the Lago Lindo, Klarvatten and Schonsee communities and that notice of motion be waived.

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Notice of the above motion was served at the June 15, 2010 board meeting. Waiver of notice was not unanimous; therefore, in accordance with the Board's practice, the motion has been placed on the agenda for the next board meeting.

At the May 25, 2010 board meeting, Ms Diana Clifford, Lago Lindo Parent Council, presented the Board with a 69-name petition. The petition summary and background states: *We, the parents of children within the Community of Lago Lindo, Klarvatten and Schonsee, petition the Edmonton Public School Board to amend its zoning decision for Florence Hallock School. The boundaries for zoning for Florence Hallock should also include the above mentioned community as it is unreasonable to expect children who live across 167 Ave and east of 97 St to attend another school when Florence Hallock is within walking distance. Children from our community should be allowed the opportunity to choose Florence Hallock Jr. High School.* The action petitioned for states: *We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our EPSB leaders to act now to rezone the school catchment area for Florence Hallock to include the Community of Lago Lindo, Klarvatten and Schonsee.*

Subsequent to the June 15, 2010 board meeting, the Conference Committee considered the matter at a meeting on June 22, 2010, and agreed that a letter should be sent to the petitioners acknowledging the Board's consideration of the request and indicating that the Board is examining its attendance boundaries and policy implications for practice.

A copy of the letter is attached for the Board's information.

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APPENDIX I – Letter to Diana Clifford from the Board Chair

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Dear Ms Clifford:

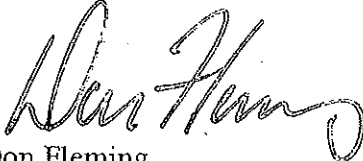
Thank you for your attendance at the May 25, 2010 Board Meeting of the Trustees of Edmonton Public Schools in which you presented a 69 name petition on behalf of parents of the communities of Lago Lindo, Klarvatten and Schonsee.

The Board of Trustees discussed the request in the petition to rezone the Florence Hallock School attendance area to include the communities of Lago Lindo, Klarvatten and Schonsee. Background information regarding the development of the Florence Hallock School attendance area was provided to trustees by the administration.

The Board is examining the practice for establishing attendance area boundaries; however, at this time, changes cannot be made to the Florence Hallock School attendance area. Current district practice requires public consultation when modifying attendance area boundaries. There is insufficient time to advertise and arrange the required public meetings and to gather public input. Additionally, the formal pre-enrolment process for the 2010-2011 school year has concluded with district schools having planned accordingly. An attendance area change at this time has significant implications for the operations of affected schools including budget and staffing.

The District's open boundary policy makes it possible for students in your communities to attend Florence Hallock School as a school of choice should space be available. Thank you again for bringing this matter to the attention of the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,



Don Fleming  
Board Chair

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