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Summary of Board Meeting #17 Tuesday, September 27, 2005

- A. **O Canada** – District Video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**
1. The chairman advised that the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce recently presented a 2005 Alberta Centennial Business Award to Edmonton Public Schools. The award recognizes the district's 100 years of service and commitment to the City of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta and contributions to the pioneering spirit, charitable character and continued prosperity of our community.
 2. The chairman advised that October 2nd is Custodial Workers Recognition Day. The district appreciates and values the members of CUPE Local 474, our custodial staff, whose work helps create clean, safe environments that support teaching and learning every day.
 3. The chairman advised that on October 5th over 100 countries including Canada will celebrate World Teachers'. The board values the contributions teachers make to students every day.
 4. The chairman advised that Read-In Week is scheduled for October 3 to 7. This year's theme, *Stories that Live On* or *S'il vous plaît...raconte-moi une histoire...*, is a tribute to the 16th anniversary of READ IN and the 100th birthday of Alberta. This theme recognizes Alberta's past, present and future, its diversity including multiculturalism, and celebrates those stories in written and oral traditions and celebrates the power and permanence of story. Tribute will also be paid to the Late Honorable Lois Hole, a champion of literacy and Alberta. The opening ceremonies will be held on Monday, October 3rd at 11:30 at McKay Avenue School the site of the first session of the Alberta Legislature. He invited all Edmontonians to participate in READ-IN 2005.
 5. The chairman advised that the district's 46th Annual Student Awards Night will be held Wednesday, October 5th. The board will be recognizing over 80 students who have achieved excellence and distinguished themselves in the areas of academic studies, fine arts, athletics, vocational choices and community involvement.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #16 – September 13, 2005 - Approved as printed.

F. Focus on Student Achievement

2. Improving the Achievement of At-Risk Students

Received for information.

G. Reports:

3. Responses to Questions Raised at the September 13, 2005 Board Meeting

- a) Ms Deanna Dixon urged the board to provide compensation for the lunch fees and transportation costs for junior high students who had attended Strathearn School.
- b) Recommendation #1 was deferred to the October 11, 2005 board meeting so that information can be provided with respect to:
 - exact costs
 - which students would be affected including students from other schools that were closed
 - historical information with respect to what was done when other junior high schools have been closed.

4. Update on Receiving Schools

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Esslinger asked how many former Wellington students now attending Rosslyn School purchase bus passes. (Response to be included in the report regarding the Strathearn request.)
- c) Trustee Hansen asked how many former Strathearn students now attending Kenilworth School do not pay lunch fees. (Response to be included in the report regarding the Strathearn request.)
- d) Trustee Keiver requested that an update be provided on the status of the Balwin playground following the meeting in October between the administration and the Balwin Parent Advisory and the City of Edmonton Community Recreation Coordinator.

5. Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2005

Received for information.

6. 2005 Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey Results

7. 2005 Community Survey Results

Received for information.

8. Presentation by Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations (NAARR)

a) Received for information.

b) Response report to be prepared for the October 11, 2005 board meeting.

9. Response to Trustee Requests for Information

a) Received for information.

b) Trustee Gibson (re TT#82) requested that a chart be provided with respect to library technician FTEs similar to that provided for teacher FTEs for learning resources.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• **Community Relations Activities**

Trustee Gibeault, the board's representative on the ASEBP Board, noted that the ASEBP Board of Directors had acknowledge the work of Bob Holt and David Fraser in assisting employees returning to work.

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

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion

Trustee Gibeault served notice of the following motion:

That the following questions be added to the 2006 Student-Parent-Staff Satisfaction Survey:

- 1. If your child takes Edmonton Transit to travel to and from school, how satisfied are you with this service?*
- 2. If your child takes Yellow Bus to travel to and from school, how satisfied are you with this service?*

3. *Considering the school fees you are asked to pay and the services they provide, how satisfied are you that the current school fees are reasonable?*

4. *How satisfied are you with the fundraising activities at your child's school?*

L. Next Meeting Date: October 11, 2005 – 6:00 p.m. - Board

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.