



## Summary of Board Meeting #17 Tuesday, September 30, 2003

- A. **O Canada** – District Video.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) – Trustee Martin was absent.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**
1. The chairman advised that October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
  2. The chairman noted that on October 5<sup>th</sup> over 90 countries including Canada will celebrate World Teachers' Day on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This year's theme is *Teachers – Opening Doors to a Better World*. The board values the contributions teachers make to students every day.
  3. The chairman advised that October 6-10 marks the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Read-In Week. This year's theme is *harmony in words*. Read-In Week is a remarkable success story, thanks to the support of our many partners, our community and generous sponsors. This week-long celebration has expanded partner involvement, renewed interest and focused on the joy of reading within the entire Edmonton community. He invited, on behalf of the board of trustees, all Edmontonians to participate in Read-In. The opening ceremonies will be held on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall.
  4. The chairman noted that the district's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Awards Night will be held Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The board will be recognizing 91 students for their accomplishments at this event. He added that 779 students received honours standing this year and that 1,321 students received Alexander Rutherford Scholarships representing a dollar value of over \$2.5 million.

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

The superintendent introduced the following members of superintendent's council: Ted Biggs, Fred Buffi, Pat Dougherty, Gord Hanson and Lori Price-Wagner.

**E. Minutes:**

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**F. Focus on Student Achievement**

2. Student Achievement Services - Received for information.

**G. Reports:**

3. Report #15 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held September 23, 2003)

Approved recommendation regarding roster for student expulsion and student reinstatement hearings

4. Motion Re Regular Elementary Program at Allendale School

a) Approved recommendation.

b) A report will be brought to the next board meeting regarding the process required for consideration of the closure of the regular elementary program at Allendale School.

c) Trustee Woodrow requested that the report include information regarding the impact of closing the program mid-year.

5. Canadian Academy of Travel and Tourism (CATT)

Approved recommendation.

6. Introduction of Student Achievement Information
7. Highest Level of Achievement Test Results: June 2003
8. Alberta Learning Achievement Test Results: June 2003
9. Alberta Learning Diploma Examination Results and Participation Rates 2002-2003
10. International Baccalaureate Examination Results: May 2003
11. Advanced Placement Examination Results: 2003

Received for information.

12. Creating Conditions for Collaboration to Support Teaching and Learning

Received for information.

13. Out of Province Field Trips

- a) Approved recommendation.
- b) Trustee Woodrow asked the administration to examine the merits of having students sign the consent form to acknowledge that they accept responsibility for their own behaviour.

14. Update on District Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Issues

- a) Received for information.
- b) Trustee Hansen requested that a letter be prepared for the chairman's signature to the provincial government expressing the district's concerns regarding the financial impact of implementing OHS requirements.

15. Response to Trustee Request for Information - Received for information.

16. Bereavement – Received with regret.

**H. Committee and Board Representative Reports**

• **Community Relations Activities**

1. Trustee Odynski advised that she had attended PSBAA University Year 3 on the weekend. The focus was the critical importance of local governance and the role school boards play in addressing community values. Guest speakers included: Former Alliance MP Debra Gray, professors from the University of Calgary and University of Alberta, MLA Ian McLelland, Former Trustee Joan Cowling, Leslie Primo, Former ATA President Larry Booi and PSBAA Executive Director David King.
2. Trustee Fleming also noted that he had attended PSBAA University Year 3.
3. Trustee Hansen advised that he had attended, on behalf of the board, the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Velma Baker School last night. He noted that Velma Baker, former president of CUPE Local 474, was in attendance.

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

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

1. Trustee Bonko requested that information clarifying the board's authority to direct a student or students to an alternative location with respect to Allendale School be provided.

2. Trustee Woodrow referred to the dress code at M.E. LaZerte School and asked that information be provided regarding which schools have a dress code.

**K. Notices of Motion** – None.

**L. Next Meeting Date: October 14, 2003 – 6:00 p.m. - Board**

**M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.**