

Calgary Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Board Room, Education Centre, 515 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary, Alberta, on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees:

Trustee P. Cochrane, Chair
Trustee C. Bazinet
Trustee N. Close
Trustee G. Dirks
Trustee K. Fawcett (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)
Trustee L. Ferguson
Trustee G. Lane

Administration:

Dr. B. Croskery, Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. F. Coppinger, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services
Mr. D. Dart, Superintendent, Corporate Services – Secretary Treasurer
Ms. J. Crarer, Acting Superintendent, Educational Support Services
Ms. B. Hubert, Deputy Chief Superintendent of Schools
Mr. J. Jones, Executive Assistant to the Chief Superintendent
Ms. B. Kuester, Executive Director of Communications
Mr. R. Peden, Director and General Counsel, Legal Affairs
Ms. J. Barkway, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Ms. S. Wasylshyn, Executive Assistant to the Trustees
Ms. H. Numrich, Recording Secretary

Stakeholder Representatives:

Ms. A. Craig, Calgary Board of Education Staff Association
Ms. J. Regal, Alberta Teachers' Association, Local 38
Mr. F. Reaume, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 40

Action By

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND WELCOME

Chair Cochrane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the singing of the national anthem took place, led by students from Forest Lawn High School by way of a DVD. Chair Cochrane acknowledged and welcomed representatives from the aforementioned organizations.

Chair Cochrane introduced Scott who will be serving as a Board Page for the 2007-2008 school year. Scott is a grade 11 French Immersion student attending Western Canada High School.

2.0 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting held September 18, 2007, be approved as submitted.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3.0 SCHOOL/SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS

3.1 The Early Development Centre at James Short Memorial School

Director L. Gouthro introduced the presentation. The Early Development Centre provides early intervention for preschool children who have been identified with special education needs. She introduced the presenters: Principal Ms. P. Swain, Assistant Principal Ms. D. Bailey (former Kindergarten Specialist) and two members of the Kindergarten team, Specialist Ms. M. Andrusky and Supervisor of Speech Language Services, Ms. C. Ibbott. A PowerPoint presentation was given. The Kindergarten team spent several years collecting data regarding children identified with severe special education needs. Alberta Education provides funding for children with severe special education needs for children as young as 2.5 years old and mild/moderate funding for children between the ages of 3.5 and 5.5 years of age. Historically, private operators have accessed this funding. Some of these children have been identified and have received help; however it was found that a particular group of children in Area 3 were entering Kindergarten with special needs and had not yet been identified. They were missing out on up to two years of funding. The Kindergarten team proposed a pilot project at James Short Memorial School for the Area 3 children in 2004. The program has since grown and the results have been tremendous. Their focus has included working with parents in supporting their child's education, resulting in positive outcomes. The presenters provided detailed information regarding the type of programming offered and the successes. Positive feedback has been received from Alberta Education, teachers and parents. They have seen significant improvement in children's skills and development that would not have otherwise received help. Children are entering Kindergarten with skills already developed to ensure success.

As the Ward Trustee for James Short Memorial School, Trustee Fawcett thanked them for coming and for sharing their very worthwhile and important work.

4.0 HONOURS AND RECOGNITIONS

4.1 Lighthouse Award

Director S. Church introduced the Lighthouse Award recipient for this month as "The Centre for Excellence in Home Building and Land Development". She explained how the Centre has partnered with the Calgary Board of Education to find ways of connecting students with their industry. These have included summer mentorships, short-term work experience programs and job shadowing. They have also provided more than 3000 hours of volunteer time at high school career fairs, classroom presentations, active support of school fund raising efforts, provided financial support for materials for high school construction shops and student placement with employers upon graduation.

Industry leaders in Calgary had a vision for the role of Career Pathways in building the future of learning. To fulfill this they partnered with the Calgary Board of Education and created the Centre. That mandate has spread across the province and now they are passing the torch to the Calgary Region Home Builders Association.

Chair Cochrane thanked the recipients for their ongoing support. Mr. A. Norris, President and CEO of Carma Developers accepted the award and expressed his gratitude for this honor. Mr. B. Kawaguchi, Executive Director for the Centre for Excellence in Home Building and Land Development was also present for the presentation.

5.0 PUBLIC CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION

5.1 Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the corporate record.

5.2 Report from the Chair and Trustees

- Trustee Bazinet reported that she had recently attended the Canadian Society of Corporate Secretaries Conference with Ms. J. Barkway in Quebec. She felt that it was an excellent conference that provided a good opportunity to present Calgary's perspective from a Board that is run by elected representatives.
- Trustee Ferguson reported that in an expression of the Board's desire to communicate with communities, the Board of Trustees recently held a public meeting at Coventry Hills School on September 13, 2007. The meeting was to discuss the issue of new school construction and to help communities understand the process and the input that they can give towards the process of new school construction and the issues surrounding it.
- Trustee Fawcett announced that he has decided not to seek re-election for the 2007-2010 term, as he will be concentrating his efforts at the provincial level. He expressed that this was not an easy decision, and that he feels fortunate to have served on this Board. He has gained experience and learned from each individual that he has worked with these past three years. He is appreciative of the strong leadership, effective management, and dedicated employees. He expressed thanks to teachers, administrators, colleagues, parents and students and looks forward to working with them in future, as he will continue to be a big supporter of public education.
- Chair Cochrane stated that the Board of Trustees is encouraging people to vote by handing out "VOTE" buttons. She invited everyone in the boardroom to wear the "VOTE" buttons and to encourage people to become informed, to have a say in the public education system and to spread the word about the importance of voting in the upcoming election on October 15, 2007.
- Trustee Bazinet reported that she, along with Trustees Lane, Cochrane and Ferguson attended an Alberta School Boards' Association meeting in Edmonton last Friday where school boards voted on a new mechanism of voting. Trustee Bazinet felt that it was a positive meeting that will result in school boards working closer together as a larger majority will be required for motions to be brought forward.

5.3 Report from the Chief Superintendent

Chief Superintendent Croskery provided comments on the following issues and events:

- Thanks was expressed to Trustee Fawcett for his contribution to the Board of Trustees and a wish for every success in the future;
- Excerpts of a letter from a business owner regarding a high school student which spoke highly of the student's professionalism and dedication to a very positive and productive work experience;
- Visits with the new principal at Piitoayis Family School, support staff at Parkdale School, attendance at a Venture Business Leadership Forum and a networking event with the Calgary Herald and Global at the Round Up Centre;
- An official announcement that the International Association of Public Participation has recognized the Calgary Board of Education with an international award as "Organization of the Year".

6.0 MONITORING AND RESULTS

6.1 Annual Monitoring, Executive Limitations 2: Executive Succession and Backup

Dr. Croskery provided introductory comments.

Chair Cochrane stated that Trustees have received and reviewed the Chief Superintendent's monitoring report on Executive Limitations 2 and reviewed the criteria against which the Trustees are to judge this report, including that of reasonable interpretation of the policy, whether the Board is satisfied that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the policy provisions, and whether sufficient information has been provided. She noted also that any decision or comment of the Board of Trustees with regard to non-compliance is in no way intended to be a vote of non-confidence for the Chief Superintendent.

MOVED by Trustee Bazinet:

THAT the Chief Superintendent has reasonably interpreted the provisions of Executive Limitations 2: Executive Succession, and the Board of Trustees find the Chief Superintendent to be in compliance.

In support of this motion, a Trustee expressed that the Chief Superintendent has always had backup available during times of his absence over the past year and that Trustees were always aware when this happened.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2 Annual Monitoring, Executive Limitations 12: Asset Protection

Dr. Croskery introduced the report.

Chair Cochrane stated that Trustees have received and reviewed the Chief Superintendent's monitoring report on Executive Limitations 12 and reviewed the criteria against which the Trustees are to judge this report, including that of reasonable interpretation of the policy, whether the Board is satisfied that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the policy provisions, and whether sufficient information has been provided. She noted also that any decision or comment of the Board of Trustees with regard to non-compliance is in no way intended to be a vote of non-confidence for the Chief Superintendent.

Administration addressed questions that were posed by Trustees, with regard to the following issues:

- The Facility Operations Department is developing a comprehensive preventative maintenance plan to protect assets and have used other jurisdictions from across the United States and Canada as a guideline.
- Property insurance replacement costs have recently been increased due to market evaluation and the cost of construction.
- With reference to a management letter from the auditors stating that certain specific matters involving the procedures over bank deposits and cheque reconciliations could be improved at the school level, a Trustee questioned how those procedures could be improved. Director W. Braun explained that there were nine schools involved in this audit noted in the management letter. This was of particular concern in the junior and senior high schools. Dr. Croskery has led discussions at divisional meetings with administrators to go over the management letter, identifying issues that were raised and to ensure that administrators understood

what their role was and that they are compliant. The school financial operations team regularly visits the schools to ensure that these details are not overlooked. They are hoping for some improvement in this area as a result of these initiatives.

- A new process was implemented to collect transportation contracts in order to increase the number received prior to the end of the school year and to decrease the time and manpower required to collect and process them centrally. No specific cost savings are available at this time.
- Concern was expressed in regards to the safe storage of non-digital records over the past year. It was noted that this same issue was in the report last year. Superintendent D. Dart explained that the Records Centre has recently hired an analyst to assist with the procedures and storage of non-digital records at the school level. Director W. Braun stated that a review of accounts payable and purchasing has been done, and an implementation plan is currently being developed recommending enhancements to internal controls. Payroll will be the focus with the implementation of "PeopleSoft" software. Continued awareness will be made with schools to ensure records are kept and maintained. A records retention committee has not yet been set up, and it is an ongoing challenge as there is limited staff of only two people in Records Management. Administration could provide the Board with further updates on initiatives as they are taken year by year.
- Over the last two years the deficit has been eliminated, creating some operating and capital reserves. This is not "slush funds", but represents funding from the province that is earmarked for a specific project and is not required immediately. The Investment Committee reviews this every quarter and has found that the returns are better in long term investing. They monitor the cash flows and returns while working with outside counsel in regards to investments in the market, etc. Long-term investments include funds earmarked for liabilities such as post-retirement employment benefits, new schools, etc. The goal of the Investment Advisory Committee is to cap the long-term investments at \$55 million.
- Modernization funding requirements were estimated at approximately \$150 million several years ago, however that number is now much higher and it has not been priced out in recent years. The modernization block funding from the province has been discontinued. As a result, the Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal fund is being used for smaller modernization and larger maintenance projects. This leaves little for modernizing schools with functional upgrades and there has been no money available for replacements over the past few years. The need to modernize Western Canada High School was recently recognized and funding provided for by the province; however there are several similar situations where buildings could be improved if there was funding available. Superintendent F. Coppinger stated that in the deferred maintenance area, the last published figure was 486 million dollars. Statistics Canada shows that escalations of costs in Calgary have increased 21% this year. This would bring deferred maintenance requirements close to 600 million dollars. Modernization of facilities and replacement costs estimates will be included in an upcoming report to the board.
- Long term leases and rentals of Calgary Board of Education property are based on an agreement with the City of Calgary Parks and Recreation Department. There are specific guidelines and generally preference is given to non-profit organizations for rentals. There is currently more demand for space from public groups than there is space available.

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

THAT the Chief Superintendent has reasonably interpreted the provisions of Executive Limitations EL-12: Asset Protection, and the Board of Trustees finds the Chief Superintendent to be in compliance.

In support of this motion a Trustee expressed that this is a very extensive review of asset protection. There is a high level of confidence that the wishes of the Board are being achieved in the area of asset protection.

A Trustee noted concern that much of the information in this report is the same as at that of one year ago. Recognizing that there may not have been a lot of change in one year, there is concern that more information could have been provided as to what took place in the past year.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In Favour: Trustee Dirks
Trustee Ferguson
Trustee Fawcett
Trustee Cochrane
Trustee Lane
Trustee Close

Opposed: Trustee Bazinet

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

The Board of Trustees commends the Chief Superintendent for exemplary performance regarding asset protection with particular reference to the multitude of commendable efforts taken to achieve significant cost savings and enhanced productivity.

In support of this motion, a Trustee stated that this is a commendable list of activities where cost savings can be achieved. The expenditure of public money has been taken seriously, and administration is seeking ways to save money and enhance funds.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recessed 6:34
Reconvened 6:47 p.m.

6.3 Annual Monitoring, Executive Limitations 10: Budgeting Process

Dr. Croskery introduced the report. Chair Cochrane stated that Trustees have received and reviewed the Chief Superintendent's monitoring report on Executive Limitations 10 and reviewed the criteria against which the Trustees are to judge this report, including that of reasonable interpretation of the policy, whether the Board is satisfied that the Chief Superintendent is in compliance with the policy provisions, and whether sufficient information has been provided. She noted also that any decision or comment of the Board of Trustees with regard to non-compliance is in no way intended to be a vote of non-confidence for the Chief Superintendent.

Administration addressed questions that were posed by Trustees, with regards to the following issues:

- Superintendent Dart expressed that there have always been a number of significant requests to the Capital Budget Steering Committee and a number of needs are being met in the areas of equipment needs in schools, upgraded stage lighting, etc. It has taken a number of years to properly address these outstanding needs and safety audits are conducted to ensure that schools are safe. Equipment tends to be used longer than it should be over the normal life cycle as funding is limited for capital replacement and modernization needs. A standard replacement cycle is not where it ideally should be. Initiatives like the evergreening of technology are trying to deal with life cycle replacements more effectively.
- In response to a Trustee suggestion to include parental participation as stakeholders in the budgeting process, Dr. Croskery agreed that there is room for improvement. It would have to be clear that those accountable are those charged with making the decisions, but parental advice to genuinely collaborate and share in joint decision making would be welcome.

MOVED by Trustee Fawcett:

THAT the Chief Superintendent has reasonably interpreted the provisions of Executive Limitations 10: Budgeting Process, and the Board of Trustees finds the Chief Superintendent to be in compliance.

Trustee comments in support of the motion included that the report clearly states that certain actions are being taken to ensure that administration is in compliance with this policy.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion Arising:

MOVED by Trustee Ferguson:

The Board of Trustees commends the Chief Superintendent for exemplary performance on the alignment between the operating budget and strategies relative to achieving Ends.

Trustees expressed full support of the motion, appreciating the fact that the budget and the Three Year Plan are now woven together in alignment and a relationship has been established between the Ends and the budget.

A Trustee commented that parent participation is seen when schools work on development plans and that they do not see the need for parents to become involved in the budget process.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.0 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Board Consent Agenda

There were no objections to the Board Consent Agenda and Chair Cochrane declared the following item to be adopted as presented:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the revised GP-4E: Annual Agenda Planning, as submitted with the regular Agenda of the September 18, 2007 meeting.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Board Meeting Procedures

MOVED by Trustee Dirks:

THAT the Board of Trustees approves the changes to the Board Meeting Procedures, in the form as submitted with the Agenda of the Regular Meeting, dated September 18, 2007.

Trustees posed questions and comments in regards to this report and a summary of the discussion is as follows:

- The Organizational Meeting date is proposed to be held in June rather than October in non-election years. This would provide Trustees with meeting dates earlier to allow for planning ahead over the summer. It will also give Trustees a clear sense of their committee responsibilities prior to the commencement of a new school year.
- A Trustee noted that the stakeholder time limit has been increased to 3 minutes from 2 minutes.
- Ms. Barkway noted that a significant change in these procedures is that agendas and reports will be available on the website prior to public board meetings. Previously, agendas were online, but reports were only available at the Board Meeting or from the Corporate Secretary's Office.
- A Trustee noted her belief that it is commendable to have reports available on line, as it will further support two-way communication with stakeholders and the public.
- A Trustee commented that this is a model of governance where the rules are very crucial. It is good that a very close look was taken at the policies, and after nine months of review it is a pleasure to present this document that will serve the Board well into the future.
- Thanks were expressed to all who worked on this document, especially to Ms. J. Barkway who greatly assisted with the review.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 Clarification of School Names

MOVED by Trustee Close:

THAT the Board approves the names of Calgary Board of Education schools, as listed in the report that was submitted with the Agenda of the Regular Meeting, dated September 18, 2007.

For the sake of clarity, the list of school names is as follows:

School Name:

- A.E. Cross School

- Abbeydale School
- Acadia School
- Alex Ferguson School
- Alex Munro School
- Altadore School
- Alternative High School
- Andrew Sibbald School
- Annie Foote School
- Annie Gale School
- Balmoral School
- Banff Trail School
- Banting And Best School
- Battalion Park School
- Beddington Heights School
- Belfast School
- Belvedere Parkway School
- Bishop Pinkham School
- Bob Edwards School
- Bowcroft School
- Bowness High School
- Braeside School
- Branton School
- Brentwood School
- Briar Hill School
- Buchanan School
- Cambrian Heights School
- Canyon Meadows School
- Capitol Hill School
- Cappy Smart School
- Captain John Palliser School
- Catherine Nichols Gunn School
- CBe - learn
- Cecil Swanson School
- Cedarbrae School
- Centennial High School
- Central Memorial High School
- Chaparral School
- Chief Justice Milvain School
- Chinook Learning Services
- Chinook Park School
- Chris Akkerman School
- Christine Meikle School
- Citadel Park School
- Clarence Sansom School
- Collingwood School
- Colonel Irvine School
- Colonel J. Fred Scott School
- Colonel Macleod School
- Colonel Sanders School
- Colonel Walker School
- Connaught School
- Coventry Hills School
- Crescent Heights High School
- Crossing Park School
- Dalhousie School

- David Thompson School
- Deer Run School
- Douglas Harkness School
- Douglasdale School
- Dr. E. P. Scarlett High School
- Dr. E. W. Coffin School
- Dr. Gladys McKelvie Egbert School
- Dr. Gordon Higgins School
- Dr. Gordon Townsend School
- Dr. J. K. Mulloy School
- Dr. Oakley School
- Earl Grey School
- Edgemont School
- Elbow Park School
- Elboya School
- Emily Follensbee School
- Erin Woods School
- Ernest Manning High School
- Ernest Morrow School
- Ethel M. Johnson School
- Eugene Coste School
- F. E. Osborne School
- Fairview School
- Falconridge School
- Fish Creek School
- Forest Lawn High School
- G. W. Skene School
- Georges P. Vanier School
- Glamorgan School
- Glenbrook School
- Glendale School
- Grant MacEwan School
- Greenview School
- Guy Weadick School
- H. D. Cartwright School
- Harold Panabaker School
- Harold W Riley School
- Haultain Memorial School
- Hawkwood School
- Haysboro School
- Henry Wise Wood High School
- Hidden Valley School
- Highwood School
- Hillhurst School
- Huntington Hills School
- Ian Bazalgette School
- Jack James High School
- James Fowler High School
- James Short Memorial School
- Janet Johnstone School
- Jennie Elliott School
- John G. Diefenbaker High School
- John Ware School
- Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies
(it was noted that this is the approved name of the alternative program)

- Keeler School
- Killarney School
- King George School
- Kingsland School
- Lake Bonavista School
- Langevin School
- Le Roi Daniels School
- Lester B. Pearson High School
- Lord Beaverbrook High School
- Lord Shaughnessy High School
- Louis Riel School
- Louise Dean School
- Maple Ridge School
- Marion Carson School
- Marlborough School
- Mayland Heights School
- McKenzie Lake School
- Midnapore School
- MidSun School
- Monterey Park School
- Montgomery School
- Mount Royal School
- Mount View School
- Mountain Park School
- National Sport School
- Nellie McClung School
- Nickle School
- North Haven School
- O. S. Geiger School
- Olympic Heights School
- Patrick Airlie School
- Penbrooke Meadows School
- Piitoayis Family School
- Pineridge School
- Prince of Wales School
- Queen Elizabeth School
- Queen Elizabeth High School
- Queensland Downs School
- R. T. Alderman School
- Radisson Park School
- Ramsay School
- Ranchlands School
- Richmond School
- Rideau Park School
- Riverbend School
- Robert Warren School
- Roland Michener School
- Rosedale School
- Rosemont School
- Rosscarrock School
- Rundle School
- Salvation Army Children's Village School
- Sam Livingston School
- Scenic Acres School
- Senator Patrick Burns School

- Sherwood School
- Silver Springs School
- Simon Fraser School
- Simons Valley School
- Sir James Lougheed School
- Sir John A. Macdonald School
- Sir John Franklin School
- Sir Wilfrid Laurier School
- Sir William Van Horne High School
- Sir Winston Churchill High School
- Somerset School
- Stanley Jones School
- Sunalta School
- Sundance School
- Sunnyside School
- Terrace Road School
- Terry Fox School
- The Hamptons School
- Thomas B. Riley School
- Thorncliffe School
- Tom Baines School
- Tuscany School
- University School
- Valley Creek School
- Valley View School
- Varsity Acres School
- Vincent Massey School
- Vista Heights School
- W. H. Cushing Workplace School
- W. O. Mitchell School
- West Dalhousie School
- West Dover School
- West View School
- Western Canada High School
- Westgate School
- Wildwood School
- William Aberhart High School
- William Reid School
- William Roper Hull School
- Willow Park School
- Wilma Hansen School
- Windsor Park School
- Woodbine School
- Woodlands School
- Woodman School
- Wood's Homes School

Trustees posed questions and comments in regards to this report and a summary of the discussion is as follows:

- This issue has been under discussion for quite some time and could feel like a significant change to the school system. The complexity of this motion should not be underestimated. It will be a challenge to implement. There is a need to build collaboration and understanding, as some will be very resistant to this change.

- It is proposed to remove the word “community” from the names of schools, as this is no longer a relevant term. The designation of “Community” in a school name was relevant many years ago, when Alberta Education chose to designate some schools as “Community Schools” and to provide a wide array of services in those schools. Alberta Education has not used this designation for many years. Today we think of all of our schools as community schools and the designation no longer is of use for specific schools.
- The suggestion was made to remove the grade designations from the name of schools because grade designations often change within a school building.
- There is no intention to require that schools change signs and letterhead immediately, but rather over a transition period and as the situation dictates, such as when signs need to be repaired, or in whatever fashion makes sense to Administration.
- A communication strategy is required soon and will be ongoing. It is important to communicate this information both internally and externally and to include Alberta Education, principals, students and parents. Administration will work on the communication and transition plans. Further information will be provided to the Board, as required.
- A Trustee expressed concern regarding the schools with the designation “Ecole” or similar variations to describe the particular program within the building. Schools would be welcome to celebrate the programs it provides but the official name of the school would be what is listed. It would not be prudent to change the name of the school every time the program changes.
- There were questions regarding the W.H. Cushing Workplace School and the Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies. There are many anomalies such as these that are programs that have school codes, but are not a building. This list is not inclusive of all programs. It was noted that Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies is the name of an alternative program.

Trustees entered into debate over the motion. Comments in support of the motion included:

- Steps need to be taken towards alignment and a reasonable listing of schools in accordance with the School Naming policy, GP—11E. There are some inconsistencies, but as long as there is an appropriate communication plan there will be understanding.
- This issue has been reviewed for six years. The community school issue has been carefully reviewed. The Board of Trustees approved some school names, while others were not. The naming of a school is important as it symbolizes the reputation and recognition in a community and the reputation of the organization belongs to the Board. It should be made clear who decides what the name of a school is. The Board should take a clear stance on why different buildings have different names and why the need to be similar.
- Changing outside signage of school buildings was discussed a number of years ago, and the Board will not direct how or when this should be done. Naming the building within certain values and parameters for consistency is a good thing.
- This is an issue that needs to be addressed. Some schools share several programs in one building and using the program name can exclude some children.

Comments not in support of the motion included:

- Cannot rationalize allowing some schools to maintain their anomalies and not others. There should be a policy to move in a direction, but not all at once, not rushed.

The motion was
CARRIED.

In favour: Trustee Dirks
Trustee Ferguson
Trustee Fawcett
Trustee Cochrane
Trustee Close

Opposed: Trustee Lane
Trustee Bazinet

9.3 National School Boards' Association (NSBA) Presentation

Trustee Lane explained that the Board of Trustees has been invited to tell their story at the NSBA meeting in the spring of 2008. In order to consider this invitation, a Board motion is required.

MOVED by Trustee Lane:

THAT the Board of Trustees authorizes a presentation by Trustees at the National School Boards Association Conference in 2008 as part of the Share the Success Programming. This presentation will be a case study that will highlight the positive changes in governance practices over several years within the Calgary Board of Education.

Trustee Lane stated that the reputation of the Calgary Board of Education Board of Trustees has been recognized outside of Canadian borders. There is a story to tell that others are interested in as they do operate differently, and feel they can learn from us.

Trustee comments of support included that this is another opportunity to share the story and celebrate the successes.

The motion was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Close gave notice of two motions that will be coming forward at the October 2, 2007 meeting related to imagineCALGARY. One motion will be dealing with filling the committees, such as the Steering Committee and the Collaborative Action Committee. The second motion will be to have the Chief Superintendent consider taking a lead role in resourcing the imagineCALGARY Collaborative Action Committee.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cochrane declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.