

Eastern School Board

March 5, 2008

1. OPENING

A meeting of Eastern School Board took place on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at Bishop Feild Elementary School, St. John's. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Peach.

Members present: Mr. Milton Peach, Chair
Dr. Jim Hearn, Vice Chair
Mr. Ken Best
Mr. Chris Hammond
Mr. Melvin Lambe
Mr. Rick Martin
Mr. Jack Murphy
Mr. Jerry Rice
Mr. George Sheppard
Mr. Eric A. Snow
Mr. Derek Winsor

Absent with regrets: Dr. David Dibbon
Ms. Rosalind Robere

Also in attendance: Mr. Darrin Pike, CEO/Director of Education
Mr. Allister Dyke, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Mr. Ed Walsh, Assistant Director, Programs (*Acting*)
Dr. Albert Trask, Assistant Director,
Rural Schools & Corporate Services
Mr. Eric C. Snow, Assistant Director, Finance & Administration
Mr. Ford Rice, Senior Education Officer
Ms. Mary Tucker, Manager of Communications
Ms. Gwen Hurley, Executive/Corporate Assistant

The Chair advised that the Board had held its first meeting with the Minister of Education prior to the meeting. The Chair highlighted and commended, thanked the school community for student performance prior to the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Chris Hammond, that the agenda be adopted. Carried.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

It was noted that both Rick Martin and Rosalind Robere were absent from the last meeting, and the minutes would be adjusted.

Motion: Moved by Derek Winsor, seconded by Eric A. Snow, that the minutes of the School Board Meeting of February 6, 2008, be adopted as corrected.
Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4.1 There was no business arising.

5. **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

5.1 **Planning & Priorities, February 26, 2008.**

The attached 11 Notices of Motion (Appendix A) were brought forward by Dr. Hearn, Chair of the Planning & Priorities Committee for tabling at the May 6, 2008 Board Meeting to be held at O'Donel High School, Mount Pearl. Dr. Hearn noted that there was no notice of motion regarding the closure of MacPherson Elementary.

Mr. Peach noted that there will be public hearings on these notices of motion prior to the board's decision meeting. There will also be notice to the parents regarding the times and places for the public hearings. All information would be posted to the Board website.

It was noted that previous motions not included in the Notices of Motion will stand, which included the Clarenville Primary extension.

5.2 **Executive, February 20, 2008.** This report was circulated for information purposes.

5.3 **Programs – February 20, 2008.**

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Rick Martin, that the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Jack Murphy as a member of the Programs Committee for 2007-08. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by George Sheppard, that the Board approve Policy ID: *Use of Instructional Time (attached)*. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Ken Best, seconded by Jerry Rice, that the Board approve amended Policy EHAA: *Acceptable Use of Information & Communications Technology (attached)*. Carried.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 **Education Foundation.** The Chair of the Foundation reported that the scholarship winners will be announced in the near future. Also the new criteria for application for the scholarships will be provided at the same time.

Mr. Rice reminded the Trustees that June 19th has been set at Clovelly Trails for the annual charity golf tournament and that plans are progressing well. All donations are encouraged.

Upon request, the Chair of the Foundation agreed to provide a written report at future meetings.

- 6.2 **Report on Atlantic Schools Boards Congress 2008.** Trustee Hammond, one of the Trustees who attended, provided a written and verbal report on Congress 2008.

- 6.3 **CRT Results.** Mr. Walsh, Assistant Director of Education, Programs (acting) highlighted the results of the Criterion Referenced Test results for 2006-07, on recommendation from the Programs Committee. The Director agreed that individual school results could be available to Trustees upon request.

The Chair mentioned that Assistant Director, Allister Dyke's mother passed away this past week and that the Director and a Senior Education Officer attend the funeral in Stephenville. Condolences were expressed to Mr. Dyke on behalf of the Board.

7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT.** The Director gave an overview of activities for the past month updating on controversial issues.

The Chair advised the Board that a presentation on their behalf was given at the Government Pre-Budget Consultation hearings today. It was agreed that the executive summary of the paper will be distributed to the Board.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned to privileged session at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Chris Hammond, seconded by Derek Winsor.

1. FACILITIES

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- All new schools built in the Eastern School District will have enhanced facilities for student programming.

2. BEACHY COVE ELEMENTARY

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 9 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to complete an extension and necessary renovations to accommodate program and space needs of additional students at Beachy Cove Elementary, Portugal Cove-St. Phillips.

3. HOLY HEART OF MARY HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 10 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Holy Heart of Mary High School, St. John's will close and be replaced with a new high school, but not earlier than June 2011.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Students from Bishop Abraham Elementary and Holy Cross Elementary will feed to Holy Cross Junior High which will be rezoned to attend the new high school built to replace Holy Heart of Mary High School.

4. BISHOPS COLLEGE/BOOTH MEMORIAL HIGH

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zones 10 and 11 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Bishops College, St. John's and Booth Memorial High School, St. John's, will close and be replaced with a new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's, but not earlier than June 2011.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- Students from Beaconsfield Junior High will be rezoned to attend the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- I. J. Samson Junior High, St. John's, will close when an extension and necessary renovations are completed to Beaconsfield Junior High School. Students from I. J. Samson will be rezoned to attend Beaconsfield Junior High School.
- Students from Cowan Heights Elementary will be rezoned to attend Beaconsfield Junior High and then proceed to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- Students from Hazelwood Elementary will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High and then proceed to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- Students from St. Matthew's Elementary will feed to Beaconsfield Junior High and then proceed to the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.
- Students from Bishop Abraham Elementary and Holy Cross Elementary will feed to Holy Cross Junior High which will be rezoned to attend the new high school built to replace Holy Heart of Mary High School.

5. ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 11 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The catchment area of St. Mary's Elementary, St. John's, will be rezoned for students to attend Beaconsfield Junior High, St. John's, when an extension and necessary renovations to accommodate program and space needs of additional students are completed.

6. BEACONSFIELD JUNIOR HIGH

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 11 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School Board secure funds from Government to complete an extension and necessary renovations to accommodate program and space needs of additional students at Beaconsfield Junior High, St. John's.

7. LARKHALL ACADEMY

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 12 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- Larkhall Academy, St. John's, will close and be replaced with a new school, but not earlier than 2011.

8. RONCALLI ELEMENTARY

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 12 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The catchment area of Roncalli Elementary, St. John's, will be rezoned for students to attend Macdonald Drive Junior High, St. John's, effective September 2008.

9. RONCALLI ELEMENTARY

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 12 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The Eastern School District secure funds from Government to have the proposed extension for Roncalli Elementary to become part of a long term plan to re-develop Roncalli Elementary.

10. ST. JOHN BOSCO

WHEREAS the Eastern School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in Zone 13 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

- The catchment area of St. John Bosco, St. John's, will be rezoned for students to attend the new high school located in the west end of the city of St. John's.