

ASBA'S STUDENTS ARE OUR BOTTOM LINE GARNERS AMERICAN ATTENTION

Joan Schmidt, President of the National School Boards Association, commended the ASBA's Students Are Our Bottom Line (SAOBL) initiative as offering "sound insights for school districts seeking a better way to report to their communities." The SAOBL project outlines web-based strategies school boards can use to communicate student achievement and progress.

Schmidt's article, in the November 2005 *School Board News*, quotes ASBA President **Maureen Kubinec** and Executive Director **David Anderson**. See the ASBA website www.asba.ab.ca for links to the NSBA article and the 118-page report describing Students Are Our Bottom Line.

WELCOME ZONE CHAIRS

Meet the ASBA Zone chairs for the coming term. See the ASBA website for photos and biographies of these individuals.

Zone 1 **Frances Bissell**
Northland School Division

Zone 23 **Morag Pansegrau**
St. Albert Protestant Schools

Zone 4 **Jackie Swainson**
Chinooks Edge School Division

Zone 5 **Terry Patey**
Rocky View School Division

Zone 6 **Marjorie Moncrieff**
Prairie Rose School Division

SIX TRUSTEES NAMED TO URBAN STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE

The school boards participating in the ASBA small urban boards study met November 20 to name representatives to the steering committee that will guide the study. The trustees selected are:

Brenda Herder
Battle River School Division
Jean Boisvert
Elk Island Catholic Schools
Lloyd Baumgarten
Red Deer Catholic Schools,
Morag Pansegrau
St. Albert Protestant Schools
Rob Reimer
Wetaskiwin Regional Division
Wendy Metzger
Rocky View School Division
Suzanne **Lundrigan**, ASBA staff and consultant **Steve Cymbol** will support the work of this task force.

ASBA NAMES SIX REPS TO GOVT. FUNDING FRAMEWORK REVIEW TASK FORCE

Six Alberta School Boards Association representatives will serve on the government task force reviewing the Funding Framework structure:

Maureen Emond
ASBA Vice-president (Calgary Catholic)
Gordon Dirks
Calgary Public Schools
Kelly Hall
Livingstone Range
Svend Hansen
Edmonton Public Schools
John Lehnert
Grande Prairie Public Schools
David Anderson
ASBA Executive Director

The Association of School Business Officials of Alberta will be represented on the task force by three people: **Orville Borys**, secretary treasurer, Black Gold Regional Division, **Michael Brenneis**, president of ASBOA (St. Albert Protestant Schools) and **Brian Smith**, associate superintendent, Elk Island Public Schools.

The College of Alberta School Superintendents will be represented by **Carol Lemay**, superintendent, Living Waters Catholic Regional Division and **Bob Smith**, chief deputy superintendent, Prairie Land Regional Division.

ONLINE REGISTRATION SUCCESSFUL AGAIN

Of the 473 delegates who attended the ASBA Fall General Meeting, 441 completed their registration online. Thirty-one people registered on site at an extra cost of \$25 per person. Congratulations to **Elk Island Catholic Schools**. This jurisdiction won the draw for half-day legal session.

Trustee Kujala wins draw

Thanks to everybody who submitted evaluations of the ASBA annual report. Congratulations to **Gerald Kujala**, Wild Rose School Division. He won the draw for the \$25 Chapters gift certificate.

Ontario take aim at improving high school completion rates

See this media release out of Ontario www.premier.gov.on.ca/english/news/GraduationRates101405.asp for details about that province's initiatives aimed at improving high school completion rates including: an alternative secondary high school diploma focused on developing a skill or trade.