



**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
ASBA Boardroom/Video-conference/Tele-conference**

June 16, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Jacquie Hansen, President	Boardroom
Cheryl Smith, Vice-President	Boardroom
Dave Colburn, Edmonton Public	Boardroom
Becky Kallal, Edmonton Catholic	Boardroom
Lynn Ferguson, Calgary Public	Video-conference
Mary Martin, Calgary Catholic	Video-conference
Sharilyn Anderson, Zone 1	Video-conference
Johnette Lemke, Zone 2/3	Boardroom
Lisa Brower, Zone 2/3	Teleconference
Cheri Neitz, Zone 4 (alternate)	Teleconference
Anne-Marie Boucher, Zone 5	Video-conference
Karen Bartsch, Zone 6	Teleconference
Mary-Anne Penner, ACSTA	Video-conference
Karen Doucet, FCSFA	Boardroom
Patty Dittrick, PSBAA	Teleconference

Staff/Consultants

Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director	Boardroom
Ms. Suzanne Lundrigan, Director, Communications	Teleconference
Mr. Scott McCormack, Manager, Special Initiatives	Boardroom
Ms. Heather Tkachuk, Research and Policy Analyst	Boardroom
Ms. Marian Johnson, Administrative Assistant	Boardroom

Note: Any enclosure, report or other document to which a motion relates in whole or in part becomes an integral and official part of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

President Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A.1 Agenda

(a) Additions/Changes

Edmonton Public School Board's Directive for Action – to be included under B.1(a).

(b) Approval

MOTION #1
J. Lemke

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

A.2 Approval of Minutes – May 12-13, 2011

(a) Errors/Omissions

No errors or omissions were noted.

(b) Approval

MOTION #2
C. Smith

That the minutes of the May 12-13, 2011 ASBA Board of Directors meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

(c) Business Arising

J. Hansen advised that she had decided not to attend the funding rally held May 29th at the legislature.

B. ADVOCACY

B.1 Policy Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) Report

(a) Directives for Action Update

D. Colburn, on behalf of Edmonton Public Schools, requested support from the Board of Directors, in the form of a directive for action, to develop a policy advisory for their proposed policy on sexual orientation and gender identity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual/transgendered and queer (LGBTQ) students and staff. He elaborated on the research done by Edmonton Public regarding the issue.

D. Anderson explained that the intent of ASBA policy advisories was to offer suggestions and/or guidance for school boards to use as they wished.

MOTION #3
L. Brower

That Edmonton Public School's Directive for Action regarding the development of an LGBTQ policy advisory be referred to the PDAC for consideration and recommendation to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

(b) Proposed Policies and Directives for Action – 2011 Fall General Meeting

C. Smith, PDAC Chair, reported that the PDAC met on June 5th to consider the nine proposals submitted by zones for the 2011 Fall General Meeting. She sought the Board's concurrence with the recommendations the PDAC had made relative to them.

1. Improved prequalification process for school construction and low bid requirement.

PDAC Recommendation: Request from the sponsoring Board (Christ the Redeemer) clarification to determine whether this is most appropriately a policy or directive for action; clarification of the issue(s); and amending the background.

Board Response: Concur

2. School playground funding support – policy amendment proposal.

PDAC Recommendation: That this be proposed as an amendment to current Association policy for consideration at FGM 2011 and that current ASBA policy be referenced in the background, as well as that, in some jurisdictions, this is a shared expense with municipalities.

Board Response: Concur, but clarify and reference in the background that it is a shared expense in municipalities.

3. Probationary period for teachers.

PDAC Recommendation: That this be reworded to reflect similar language to other Association policy positions and proposed as an Association policy position for consideration at FGM 2011.

Board Response: Concur

4. Teacher bargaining – policy amendment proposal.

Note: D. Anderson advised that this proposal ran counter to existing policy.

PDAC Recommendation: That discussions occur with the sponsoring Board (Medicine Hat SD #76) to determine if the intent is to replace current Association policies on teacher bargaining which provide for regional bargaining and request the establishment of a legislated, centralized, school board controlled bargaining model.

Board Response: Concur

5. Assessment and measures of student success re 21st century learner.

PDAC Recommendation: Request from the sponsoring Board (Rocky View S. Div. #41) clarification of the issue(s); that reference to current Association policy on student assessment be added to the background; that this be reworded to reflect similar language to other Association policy positions; and proposed as an Association policy position for consideration at FGM 2011.

Board Response: Concur

6. Provincial achievement test and provincial diploma exam writing schedules.

PDAC Recommendation: Request from the sponsoring Board (Pembina Hills RD #7) clarification of the issue(s); that reference to current Association policy on student assessment be added to the background; that this be reworded to reflect similar language to other Association policy positions and proposed as an amendment to current Association policy for consideration at FGM 2011.

Board Response: Concur

7. Support for ESL students.

PDAC Recommendation: Request from the sponsoring Board (Calgary Catholic) clarification of the issue(s); that this be reworded to reflect similar language to other Association policy positions and proposed as an Association policy position for consideration at FGM 2011.

Board Response: Concur

8. Increased penalties for passing a school bus with flashing red lights.

PDAC Recommendation: Discuss with the sponsoring Board (High Prairie S. Div. #48) to determine if this could be addressed as a directive for action.

Board Response: Concur

9. Fuel tax for student transportation.

PDAC Recommendation: That this be reworded to reflect similar language to other Association policy positions and proposed as an Association policy position for consideration at FGM 2011.

Board Response: The PDAC should discuss with the sponsoring Board (Pembina Hills RD #7) to determine their intent of this being a policy or a directive for action.

(b) Action on Inclusion Update

L. Ferguson reported on the work of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Inclusion and her attendance at their May 30th meeting. The agenda included reports from the five committee working groups and identification of five factors for change management. In addition, she outlined her responses to the questions posed by the Deputy Minister at the end of the meeting regarding building the change model, sustaining momentum in a changing political climate, and whether the process was meeting the needs of the advisory committee.

L. Ferguson also advised that:

- the Deputy Minister held a teleconference meeting to advise that funding would be project based.
- the Deputy Minister developed a new funding formula of which the committee was unaware.
- Boards would be divided into two groups: change agents and capacity builders.

C. BOARD POLICIES

C.1 Executive Director's Compensation Process

This was discussed at the end of the meeting just prior to adjournment.

MOTION #4
L. Ferguson

That the meeting move *in-camera* with the voting members and staff present.

CARRIED

The observers left the meeting.

MOTION #5
B. Kallal

That the meeting move out of *camera*.

CARRIED

MOTION #6
C. Smith

That the Vice-President be authorized to convene a committee consisting of herself as Chair, Becky Kallal, and Mary Martin and commission a market survey from Western Management Consultants, or another suitable independent consultant, and bring the results of that survey back to the Board of Directors at a meeting in the fall of 2011.

CARRIED

D.1 Agenda Items – Future Board Meetings

No items were identified.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

E.1 President's Report

In addition to her written report, J. Hansen reported on the following:

CSBA Membership: Nada Borden, CSBA President, had inquired as to the status of ASBA's membership. J. Hansen responded that it was still an open item at the Board level. N. Borden stated that CSBA was hopeful ASBA would reconsider.

In response to a question on surveying school boards on their thoughts related to CSBA membership, D. Anderson suggested that this could be done, but only when the Board of Directors was ready to make a final decision.

ATA: J. Hansen advised that she had met with Carol Henderson, ATA President, who asked that ASBA encourage school boards to provide substitute teachers with the opportunity to apply for jurisdictional positions.

Spring General Meeting: A quick review of SGM evaluations indicated participants felt it was very good. J. Hansen thanked Johnette Lemke for her budget presentation at the meeting and Cheryl Smith for chairing the business meeting.

E.2 Vice-President's Report

Please refer to the written report.

E.3 Executive Director's Report

In addition to his written report, D. Anderson reported on the following:

Teacher Bargaining Policy: Staff were working on a proposed teacher bargaining policy.

Joint AUMA/ASBA Submission on Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA): D. Anderson advised AUMA that ASBA did not comment on two issues addressed in the joint LAEA submission (four year term and when elections should be held) as ASBA did not have policies related to these and the board survey responses did not clearly demonstrate a preference. He added that ASBA staff would draft policies on the two issues for Board approval in September and member approval at the Fall General Meeting.

Upcoming Conferences: Two education related conferences have been scheduled for Banff:

1. OECD Conference – October 10-12, 2011

2. 21st Century Learning Leadership Forum – October 12-14, 2011. This invitational forum is sponsored by Cenovus Energy and Cisco.

E.4 Member Reports

Edmonton Public (*D. Colburn*): Please refer to the written report.

Edmonton Catholic (*B. Kalla*): Please refer to the written report.

Calgary Public (*L. Ferguson*): Please refer to the written report.

Calgary Catholic (*M. Martin*): Please refer to the written report.

Zone 1 (*S. Anderson*): S. Anderson highlighted the directive for action regarding the fuel price contingency grant that Zone 1 was submitting to the Board.

MOTION #7
S. Anderson

That the Zone 1 Directive for Action on fuel price contingency grant be referred to the PDAC for consideration and recommendation to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

It was also noted that the Zone 1 “School Bus Fly-by” proposed policy submitted to the PDAC would be considered as a Directive for Action.

Zone 2/3 (*J. Lemke/L. Brower*): J. Lemke reported that the Zone was focussed on their Edwin Parr dinner and FGM policies. As well, she thanked Jacquie Hansen and David Anderson for attending all the Zone Edwin Parr dinners.

Zone 4 (*C. Neitz*): The Zone was focussing on their “Friends of Education” awards.

Zone 5 (*A-M. Boucher*): No report was available.

Zone 6 (*K. Bartsch*): Please refer to the written report.

ACSTA (*M.A. Penner*): M.A. Penner reported that the association was reviewing the new Education Act and that the Catholic Conference would be held March 9-10, 2012 in Calgary.

FCSFA (*K. Doucet*): In addition to her written report, K. Doucet commented that the Federation was quite happy with the addition of four new schools plus the school located in the Grande Yellowhead area.

PSBAA (P. Dittrick): P. Dittrick reported that their Spring General Assembly was successful and highlighted the presentation on Communications by the Peel School District of Ontario. She expressed her thanks to Jacquie Hansen and Cheryl Smith for taking the time to attend the Assembly.

F. MEETING EVALUATION

Directors were encouraged to complete and return their June meeting evaluation form.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, J. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

President Hansen expressed her best wishes to the Directors over the summer.

President

Executive Director