



**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
ASBA Boardroom**

May 12-13, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Jacquie Hansen, President
Cheryl Smith, Vice-President
Dave Colburn, Edmonton Public
Becky Kallal, Edmonton Catholic
Lynn Ferguson, Calgary Public
Mary Martin, Calgary Catholic
Sharilyn Anderson, Zone 1
Johnette Lemke, Zone 2/3
Lisa Brower, Zone 2/3
Keith Warren, Zone 4 (Friday)
Doug Gardner, Zone 5 (Alternate)
Karen Bartsch, Zone 6
Mary-Anne Penner, ACSTA
Karen Doucet, FCSFA (Friday)
Patty Dittrick, PSBAA

Guests (Friday)

Nan Bartlett, Zone 1 Chair
Lauri-Ann Turnbull, Zone 2/3 Chair
Helen Clease, Zone 5 Chair

Presenters

Mr. Dan Ferguson, Education Manager, Workforce Planning and
Development Branch, Alberta Education
Mr. Joey Cherdarchuk, Darkhorse Analytics

Staff/Consultants

Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director
Ms. Donna Engel, Director, Corporate Services
Ms. Suzanne Lundrigan, Director, Communications
Mr. Scott McCormack, Manager, Special Initiatives
Mr. Terry Gunderson, ASBA Consultant (Items F.1 and F.2)
Ms. Marian Johnson, Administrative Assistant

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 7:00 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sharilyn Anderson led in the singing of O Canada.

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A.1 Agenda

(a) **Additions/Changes** There were no additions or changes.

(b) **Approval**

MOTION #1 That the agenda be approved.
M. Martin

CARRIED

A.2 Approval of Minutes – April 14-15, 2011

(a) **Errors/Omissions**

B.2 ASBA Advocacy Priority Reports – Provincial Advisory Committee on Inclusive Education:

Amend the second sentence to read: *“She added that the committee was very diverse, with representatives from Foster Parent, NorQuest College, CASS, ATA, Community Living Councils, Child and Family Services, a student from Bow Valley College with a learning disability, ASBA and others. Three Deputy Ministers attended the first meeting to support the committee’s work.”*

G.4 FCSFA: Delete the last sentence.

(b) **Approval**

MOTION #2 That the minutes of the April 14-15, 2011 ASBA Board
L. Ferguson of Directors meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(c) **Business Arising**

There was no business arising from the April 14-15, 2011 minutes.

A.3 In-Camera Session

J. Hansen announced that an in-camera session would not be required.

B. ADVOCACY

B.1 Policy Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) Report

(a) **Directives for Action Update**

D. Anderson advised that the PDAC had not met to consider the three directives for action submitted by boards within Zone 2/3. ASBA staff, however, had reviewed them and would be making the following recommendations to the PDAC:

1. **Election Costs:** That ASBA move forward with this directive for action suggested by St. Albert PSSD #6.

2. **Criminal Record Checks and CYIM Checks for Student Teachers:** That ASBA move forward with this directive for action by Pembina Hills RD #7.

3. **School Boards Reserves/Surpluses:** That ASBA move forward with this directive for action after discussing concerns with St. Paul Education RD #1, the originating board.

MOTION #3
D. Colburn

That the ASBA Board of Directors receive the Directives for Action Update as information.

CARRIED

B.2 ASBA Advocacy Priority Reports

S. McCormack informed the board that he was developing an advocacy update tool for all of the advocacy committees.

B.3 ASBA Task Force Reports

The following task force and committee reports were provided:

Education Trends – TIES (*J. Lemke, Chair*): The next meeting was scheduled for May 16, 2011.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student Success Task Force (*S. Anderson, Co-chair*): The next meeting was scheduled for May 24, 2011. The task force would provide feedback to Sig Schmol'd's draft January 2010 report entitled "Ensuring FNMI Student Success: Leadership through Governance" and consider offering to take the lead on Alberta Education's First Nation, Métis and Inuit initiative.

D. Anderson advised that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association was hosting a conference for trustees with an aboriginal background on June 19-20, 2011 in Saskatoon.

Student Health & Wellness Task Force (*D. Colburn, Chair*): Conference arrangements were continuing for site, date, keynote speakers, presenters, format, etc. Four regional health teams had been established and would meet at the provincial level on June 10, 2011.

ASBA Political Advocacy Task Force (*K. Bartsch, Chair*): Confidential draft notes of the task force meeting held May 6, 2011 were provided to the Board that outlined their task, work plan, and questions related to a philosophical approach to influencing public policy, a strategic approach to government relations, and ASBA roles.

ASBA Transformation Task Force (*C. Smith, Chair*): The next meeting was scheduled for May 17, 2011. It was noted that the task force membership was the same as the previous Governance Task Force.

MOTION #4
M. Martin

That the task force and committee updates be received as information.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed on Thursday evening at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened on Friday at 9:00 a.m. for agenda item B.1.

C. RESEARCH

There were no "Research" items.

D. PARTNERSHIPS

D.1 Feedback re Education Research Framework

D. Anderson reported that he had not received any feedback on the framework which was developed to serve as a guide to facilitate evidence-based and research-informed teaching and learning in Alberta. He advised that ASBA would acknowledge that it was supportive of the research framework.

E. SERVICES TO BOARDS

There were no "Services to Boards" items.

F. BOARD POLICIES

F.1 ASBA 2010-2013 Strategic Plan Implementation Second Report

Mr. Terry Gunderson presented the second report of the ASBA 2010-2013 Strategic Plan Implementation and highlighted the action taken on the various strategies.

MOTION #5
L. Brower

That the ASBA Board of Directors receive the 2010-2013 Strategic Plan Implementation Second Report as information.

CARRIED

F.2 ASBA Board of Directors Self-Evaluation (July 2010 to June 2011)

Mr. Terry Gunderson presented the proposed Board self-evaluation process and highlighted the pre-assignment questionnaires attached to the briefing note which would be sent to each Director to complete electronically. Responses received would be compiled in preparation for the August Board Self-Evaluation meeting.

MOTION #6
M. Martin

That the ASBA Board of Directors approve the Board self-evaluation process and questionnaires as detailed in the briefing note.

CARRIED

G. BOARD MEMBER REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

G.1 President's Report

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

Meeting with Red Deer Boards: A suggestion was made that ASBA invite guest boards to attend Board of Directors meetings. Even though these meetings were public (open), J. Hansen felt that extending invitations would be possible.

Meeting with Minister: J. Hansen expanded on her April 20th meeting report and advised that the Minister was anxious to develop a transformation process and to have something in place by August 2012 on teacher bargaining. The ASBA April 29th letter to the Deputy Minister (see Information Item J.2a), stressed ASBA's desire to keep transformation and teacher bargaining issues totally separate. J. Hansen reiterated that it was important that ASBA be at the table, firm, and influential regarding transformation. D. Anderson reminded the board that all three parties would have to agree to move forward on transformation.

Parent Council Rally: J. Hansen sought input from the board about whether she should accept an invitation from a Parent Council Chair to attend a rally at the legislature on May 29th. Concern was expressed that this would be precedent setting and a departure from ASBA's advocacy strategies. Directors felt that more information was required as to who was organizing the rally and who else would be attending and speaking.

Teaching Quality Meeting: J. Hansen advised that she and D. Anderson would be attending the Deputy Minister's Dialogue on Teaching Quality meeting being held May 19-20 in Calgary. Participants represented school boards and institutions offering teacher preparation programs. D. Anderson added that concerns expressed by ASBA when these meeting were first held still needed to be addressed. These concerns were:

- Assessment
- First Nation, Métis and Inuit students
- Special needs students
- Technology

G.2 Vice-President's Report

In addition to her written report, C. Smith reported on the Zone Chairs meeting held May 12th. Discussions included providing Zone presentations on ASBA policies and directives for action, and upcoming Edwin Parr dinners.

G.3 Executive Director's Report

D. Anderson added the following to his report:

Support Staff Bargaining: S. McCormack provided an update on support staff bargaining around the province since the tripartite discussions ended.

Joint Protocol with AUMA: The protocol agreement would be signed at the ASBA Spring General Meeting. ASBA was currently working with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) to develop a joint submission to the provincial review of the *Local Authorities Election Act*. A conference call meeting or email exchange would be arranged for the Board to approve or recommend changes to the final document.

Member Satisfaction Survey: D. Anderson advised that the 2012 survey would be conducted in such a way to realize a 60-70% cost reduction.

Teachers TV Canada Request: This U.K. based organization requested 6-8 trustees to participate in a roundtable conversation on the impact on student achievement relative to the age of entry. Directors were asked to let D. Anderson know if they were interested in participating. A date for the roundtable had not yet been determined.

Certification Appeal Committee: A third nominee was required to replace Lisa Brower on this committee. After indicating her interest, Becky Kallal was acclaimed as the third ASBA nominee.

G.4 Member Reports

Edmonton Public (*D. Colburn*): In addition to his written report, D. Colburn advised that the board would hold day-time meetings on a trial basis for one year. He also highlighted from his report the directive for action regarding their new LGBTTT policy for PDAC's consideration.

Edmonton Catholic (*B. Kallal*): Please refer to the written report which was submitted prior to the deadline but was not posted with the agenda package.

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

Calgary Catholic (*M. Martin*): In addition to her written report, M. Martin informed the Board that the Ministry had approved \$7.6 M in funding to renovate an existing high school.

Zone 1 (*S. Anderson*): The next Zone meeting would be held May 19th and would include a discussion on how the provincial budget affected school boards in the zone.

Zone 2/3 (*J. Lemke/L. Brower*): Please refer to the written report. It was suggested that the proposed policy on school playground funding support would fit well into the ASBA/AUMA partnership.

Zone 4 (K. Warren): The winners of the Zone 4 Public Speaking competition would be showcased at the Spring General Meeting.

Zone 5 (D. Gardner): The next Zone meeting was scheduled for May 20th. H. Clease, Zone Chair, added that the Zone was improving its communications and working with other Zones.

Zone 6 (K. Bartsch): In addition to her written report, K. Bartsch advised that the Zone was proposing a policy amendment for consideration at the Fall General meeting related to legislative changes to allow bargaining certificates to be issued only to the local ATA bargaining unit, not the ATA itself.

ACSTA (M.A. Penner): The Board was provided with a copy of "Catholic Dimension". Their next meeting would be held May 27th.

FCSFA (K. Doucet): Please refer to the written report.

PSBAA (P. Dittrick): Please refer to the report distributed at the meeting.

H. OTHER

H.1 Directors' Requests for Information

There were no requests for information.

H.2 Agenda Items – Future Board Meetings

The following item was identified:

- Briefing on Pecuniary Interest by Legal Services

(a) Presentation on Student Demographics

On Thursday evening Mr. Dan Ferguson of Alberta Education and Mr. Joey Cherdarchuk of Darkhorse Analytics presented information on "Population Projection and Teacher Forecasting" over the next 20 years. They added that they were available to give zone-specific presentations if requested.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

I.1 Education Act (Bill 18)

D. Anderson reported that ASBA staff had reviewed *Bill 18* and their initial read of the changes was positive. As well, ASBA was comparing the Bill's content with what ASBA had suggested in its submission. He added that with the current political atmosphere and uncertainty of a fall session, the Bill might be lost.

I.2 ASBA 2011 Spring General Meeting

Movers and Seconders: Directors were asked to advise M. Johnson if they wanted a change to their assignments.

I.3 Board Direction on Second Languages Based on a request from the Alberta School Boards Association for Language Education (ASBALE), D. Anderson sought the Board's direction to incorporate the work of ASBALE into ASBA and establish a second language caucus to promote second language learning.

MOTION #7
J. Lemke That the ASBA Board of Directors approve the incorporation of ASBALE work into the ongoing activities of the ASBA.

CARRIED

J. INFORMATION ITEMS There was no discussion of the information items.

K. MEETING EVALUATION Directors were encouraged to complete and return their May meeting evaluation form.

L. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, J. Hansen thanked the Zone Chairs present for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

President

Executive Director