



**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Video-Conference Meeting**

October 13, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Jacque 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
Anne-Marie Boucher, Zone 5
Karen Bartsch, Zone 6
Mary-Anne Penner, ACSTA

Presenters

Mr. Sam Radke, Director, PASI Project (I.1)
Dr. John Myroon, Communications Lead, PASI Team (I.1)

Staff/Consultants

Mr. David Anderson, Executive Director
Ms. Donna Engel, Director, Corporate Services
Ms. Suzanne Lundrigan, Director, Communications
Mr. Scott McCormack, Manager, Special Initiatives
Ms. Heather Tkachuk, ASBA Policy and Research Analyst
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 4:30 p.m.

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A.1 Agenda

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

(b) Approval

MOTION #1 That the agenda be approved.
D. Colburn

CARRIED

A.2 Approval of Minutes – September 8-9, 2011 and September 25, 2011

(a) **Errors/Omissions** There were no errors or omissions noted in either set of minutes.

(b) **Approval**

MOTION #2

M. Martin

That the minutes of the September 8-9, 2011 ASBA Board of Directors meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED**MOTION #3**

C. Smith

That the minutes of the September 25, 2011 special ASBA Board of Directors meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

(c) **Business Arising** There was no business arising from the September 8-9, 2011 or the September 25, 2011 minutes.

B. ADVOCACY**B.1 ASBA Advocacy Priority Reports**

S. McCormack informed the Board that he had very recently emailed the status summary report of ASBA Internal Task Forces/Committees. Directors were reminded to also provide written updates for Board agenda packages.

(a) Political Advocacy Task Force

Update on Key Issues Approach: K. Bartsch outlined the Task Force's proposal to address issues beyond the constraint of the policy handbook.

MOTION #4

K. Warren

That the ASBA Political Advocacy Task Force's proposed direction change for political advocacy be taken to Zones for presentation and discussion.

CARRIED**(b) Approval of Advocacy Highlights for Fall General Meeting**

H. Tkachuk provided a progress report on the seven directives for action that were submitted to the Board of Directors over the past year for their consideration. As per Board Governance Policy 11.6, a progress report would be provided to members at the Fall General Meeting.

MOTION #5

B. Kallal

That the ASBA Board of Directors approve the provision of the directives for action progress report, with a forthcoming update from Zone 2/3 regarding criminal record checks, to the membership at the 2011 Fall General meeting.

CARRIED**(c) TIES – Trends, Innovations and Educational Scenarios**

As outlined in the Educational Trends meeting summary of October 3, 2011, J. Lemke advised the Board that the committee was considering whether it had completed its mandate.

- B.2 Policy Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) Report**
- C. Smith, Chair of PDAC, reported that four of the five zones had received the “ASBA Policy and Directives for Action” presentation.
- (a) **Directives for Action and Issues Update**
- C. Smith, Chair of PDAC, advised that no additional submissions had been received.
- (b) **Approval of Proposed Policies for Fall General Meeting**
- C. Smith advised that PDAC was awaiting clarification of some of the proposed policies submitted by Zones for consideration at the Fall General Meeting and that no emergent proposals had been received to date.
- MOTION #6**
C. Smith
- That the ASBA Board of Directors refer the proposed policies to PDAC for final approval, once clarification was received, and distribute them to school boards by October 31, 2011 for consideration by the membership at the 2011 Fall General Meeting.
- CARRIED**
- (c) **Action on Inclusion Update**
- L. Ferguson provided an update of the work of the Action on Inclusion Provincial Advisory Committee. She referenced from a report on *Action on Inclusion* that the approach to implementing an inclusive education system incorporated the strategic directions outlined in the *Setting the Direction Framework, Government of Alberta Response* and focussed on five key concepts:
- Identifying what success looks like to each student
 - Deciding what students need to be successful
 - Identifying what services are available and who is providing them
 - Providing supports through cross-government services
 - Measuring success for all in traditional and new ways.
- C. RESEARCH**
- There were no “Research” items.
- D. PARTNERSHIPS**
- There were no “Partnerships” items.
- E. SERVICES TO BOARDS**
- E.1 ASBA Awards**
- (a) **Friends of Education**
- J. Hansen advised that two submissions had been received for the Friends of Education award. B. Kallal declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting for the discussion. As this was a confidential matter, the observers, K. Doucet and M. Penner, also left the meeting.

- (b) **Honourary Life Member** No submissions were received for this award.
- E.2 **Participation of Alberta Retired Teachers' Association in ASEBP** D. Anderson provided background information on the request from the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA) that ASBA and ATA support ARTA as an eligible employer for participation in ASEBP.
- MOTION #7**
L. Brower That the ASBA support the participation of the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association in the ASEBP.
CARRIED
- F. **BOARD POLICIES** There were no "Board Policies" items.
- G. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES**
- G.1 **President's Report** In addition to her written report, J. Hansen commented that she had met the new Minister the evening before.
- She also advised the board that during the recent tripartite conference calls on October 11 and 12, a board had requested that an emergent special general meeting be called to discuss whether boards supported the ASBA representing them in future tripartite discussions. L. Ferguson informed the board that the Calgary Board of Education, in a letter that had not yet been received, had also requested an emergent special meeting on this issue.
- Following a discussion on holding a special general meeting, it was felt that it might be more appropriate to call an "update" type of meeting after more details were known. It was suggested that ASBA should proceed with the process outlined in Board Chairs Email #18 which called for each school board, at their local table, to vote on the question of ASBA representing them at the Tripartite talks and submit their vote to ASBA. As per ASBA Bylaw 9, the vote would be determined using the double majority method and reported openly.
- D. Anderson reported that a process was currently being developed to fully engage school boards on two issues – predictable, sustainable funding, and teacher salaries.
- MOTION #8**
J. Lemke That, in response to a school board request for an emergent special general meeting, the ASBA Board of Directors affirm to proceed with the process outlined in Board Chairs Email #18.
CARRIED
- G.2 **Vice-President's Report** Please refer to the written report.

G.3 Executive Director's Report

D. Anderson added the following to his written report:

Tripartite Discussions: D. Anderson advised that the tripartite discussions were now focussed on two main issues – funding for school boards and teacher salaries. He added that he would be involving school boards more by appointing additional members (trustees, superintendents, secretary-treasurers) to a teacher salary sub-committee.

Professional Development Opportunity: D. Anderson informed the board of a PD opportunity being held in Edmonton October 26-27, 2011, similar to the Teacher TV Canada session, focusing on Student Assessment. Directors were asked to let him know if they were interested in participating in the session.

G.4 Member Reports

Edmonton Public (*D. Colburn*): In addition to his written report, D. Colburn advised that the board recently held a video-conference meeting with Ottawa Carleton on "Creativity in Education and Governance".

Edmonton Catholic (*B. Kallal*): 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*): In addition to her written report, S. Anderson announced that she was involved with the planning of a First Nation, Métis and Inuit conference being held in Grande Prairie in March 2012.

Zone 2/3 (*J. Lemke/L. Brower*): J. Lemke reported that funding to the Alberta School Resource Officers Association had been cut by \$40,000. This money was used in the past to host the Safe and Caring Conference.

Zone 4 (*K. Warren*): There was nothing new to report.

Zone 5 (*A-M Boucher*): A report on the October 7th meeting would be given at the December Board meeting.

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

ACSTA (*M.A. Penner*): A report was not available.

FCSFA (*K. Doucet*): A report was not available.

PSBAA (*P. Dittrick*): A report was not available.

H. OTHER

H.1 Directors' Requests for Information

There were no requests for information.

H.2 Agenda Items – Future Board Meetings

The following items were identified:

- Presentation on Alternate School Year (Zone 1)
- Discrepancy of School vs Diploma Awarded Marks
- Continuation of PATs and Diploma Exams

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

I.1 Provincial Approach to Student Information (PASI) Presentation

Mr. Sam Radke, PASI Project Director, provided background information and status of the PASI project – an on-line, real-time student information and collection system designed to enhance opportunities to improve program delivery and student access and learning by providing: *“The right information to the right people at the right time”*.

Currently two school authorities serve as pilots who utilize the real-time PASI-enabled program which includes student personal information and student school enrolment. By 2014, it is anticipated that high school marks, student credentials and diploma exam registrations would also be included.

Mr. Radke stated that a committee was determining what type of funding was required for school boards to implement PASI. D. Anderson pointed out that ASBA was concerned with the lack of commitment by the government to ensure that school boards would recoup any costs associated with implementing PASI.

D. Anderson also noted another ASBA concern with the PASI Usage Agreements that boards were required to submit to Alberta Education by December 31, 2011. Boards were strongly encouraged to seek legal advice prior to entering into such agreements, especially with regard to privacy commitments and standards.

I.2 ASBA 2011 Fall General Meeting – Movers and Seconders

Directors were asked to advise M. Johnson if any changes were required to their assignments. Those moving any motions were reminded that they needed to speak to the motion(s) with clarity and knowledge.

I.3 Focusing on the Future

The Board had a discussion on the new Minister.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

J.4(b) Curriculum Policy Advisory Committee: A-M. Boucher brought to the Board's attention the comments on the overall process that Ed Wittchen had included in the report. As well, she expressed her concern that stakeholders were not being authentically consulted. D. Anderson said he would speak to the Deputy Minister and other stakeholders about the concerns.

K. MEETING EVALUATION

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

In the event that it was necessary to call a Board of Directors meeting on short notice prior to the scheduled December 8-9, 2011 meeting, it was suggested that the meeting be recessed rather than adjourned.

MOTION #9

M. Martin

That the meeting recess.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.

President

Executive Director