



Highlights

April 10 & 11, 2008

ASBA Board of Directors Meeting

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ASBA Board of Directors receives transportation report

The Board of Directors received a report from each of the committees addressing the association's three advocacy priorities—transportation, infrastructure and high school completion.

Sig Schmold, ASBA consultant, gave the board of directors an overview of his draft report “***At the Breaking Point: Alberta’s Student Transportation System***”. The report highlights the issues currently being faced by Alberta school boards in the transportation arena. The report will provide a key resource for school boards in advancing their case that this area needs more attention – both financial and otherwise.

Watch for a final report soon!

Distributed Learning Strategy

Raja Panwar, Acting Executive Director, Program Development and Standards and Helen Fournier, Project Director, briefed the board on Alberta Education’s proposed Distributed Learning Strategy. The board flagged a number of concerns with the proposed strategy which will be followed up with the department.

Principal Quality Practice Standard

ASBA has worked with Alberta Teachers’ Association, the College of Alberta School Superintendents and the Alberta School Council Association, and Alberta Education to develop quality practice standards for principals. The board of directors reconfirmed the standard and authorized the Executive Director to work with the education partners to ensure an early distribution of the document to school boards.

Start time of ASBA Business Session

The board of directors decided that if keynote speakers are to present at our general meeting sessions – they will be added to the order paper in order to accommodate the start time of business as directed.