

ASBA Board of Directors Meeting

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FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENT SUCCESS TASK FORCE SET

Closing the achievement gap for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students is a strategic priority for the Alberta School Boards Association. To further this work, the ASBA Board of Directors established the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student Success Task Force made up of these individuals:

Dianne Lavoie, Zone 1 Director *Task Force Chair*
Beatrice Wright, Holy Family Catholic, Zone 1
Darrell Ghostkeeper, Living Waters CRD, Zone 2/3
Rob Reimer, Wetaskiwin RPS, Zone 4
Ron Kenworthy, Golden Hills, Zone 5
Kathy Cooper, Prairie Rose, Zone 6
Cindy Olsen, Edmonton Catholic
Brian Callaghan, Superintendent, Canadian Rockies

GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE TERMS OF REFERENCE ESTABLISHED

These terms of reference will guide the work of the ASBA Governance Task Force:

With a view of identifying the fundamental or essential elements of effective school board governance:

- Research and review various models of governance from varying jurisdictions to:
 - o identify common components essential to any effective governance model
 - o consider any unique or varying components which would promote effectiveness and efficiencies in school board governance

Based on the research above, develop a report which identifies and explains the fundamental elements of effective governance.

The Governance Task Force will share its work at the June Spring General Meeting.

Task force members:

Serafino Scarpino, Director, Calgary Catholic *Task Force Chair*
Anne-Marie Boucher, Zone 5 Director
Karen Kryczka, Director, Calgary Board of Education
Ralph Wohlgemuth, Grande Prairie Catholic, Zone 1
Jeff Thompson, Fort McMurray Public, Zone 2/3
Cheryl Smith, Battle River, Zone 4

Don Zech, Palliser, Zone 6

ASBA TO DEVELOP PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOL BOARDS OPERATING SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF THEIR BOUNDARIES

In response to a request from Rocky View School Division, the ASBA will develop a protocol for school boards operating schools in buildings located outside of their boundaries.

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lori Brooks, Westwind School Division, will represent the ASBA on the advisory committee for Careers the Next Generation.

Jennifer Wrzosek, Grande Prairie Catholic, will represent the ASBA on the Joint Stakeholder Committee on Children and Poverty.

POLICIES TO BE “CLEANED UP” AT THE SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Every five years the association reviews its policies with a goal of reaffirming, amending or deleting existing policy as needed. This “clean-up” will take place at the upcoming Spring General Meeting.

The policy development advisory committee is recommending changes that will affect the following policies. Background information and rationale for these proposed changes will be provided to school boards shortly.

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Totally separate its (ATA) bargaining function from its professional function: Page 13-2: 20

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Prohibition of tobacco products: Page 19-1: 22

Pedestrian student safety: Page 19-1: 35-45

ASBA SUPPORTS PARTICIPATION OF CASS AND ASCA STAFF IN ASEBP

Staff working for the College of Alberta School Superintendents and the Alberta School Councils Association are not covered by the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan.

ASEBP coverage may be extended to organizations other than school boards – if the Alberta Teachers’ Association, the Alberta School Boards Association and the ASEBP Board of Trustees agree. The ASBA will support including CASS and ASCA in ASEBP. If CASS and ASCA are accepted in the plan, their participation would be structured so that there would be no additional cost to school boards.