

ASBA Board of Directors Meeting

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ASBA gets clean audit

Audited financial statements presented to ASBA board

Douglas Kroetsch and **Joseph Man** of Collins Barrow Edmonton LLP presented the 2008-2009 audited financial statements to the ASBA Board of Directors. Collins Barrow gave the association a clean audit report. Kroetsch told the board that the ASBA is in a healthy position – it is carrying no debt and ended the year with an overall surplus of \$12,225. The 2009 audited financial statements will be posted on the ASBA website: www.asba.ab.ca/policies/financial-information.asp. For more information, contact **Heather Rogers**, Director Finance and Administration at 1.780.451.7114.

Board reviews ASBA submission to Teacher Quality Standard review

Alberta Education is reviewing the Teacher Quality Standard which describes the standard that all teachers are expected to meet in their practice throughout their careers. **Marilyn Bergstra**, Edmonton Catholic's representative to the ASBA Board of Directors and consultant **Dr. Warren Phillips** were assigned to this project. The board reviewed and revised the draft paper which will be submitted on behalf of the ASBA.

School board input sought before January 4

What progress has been made on the association's strategic plan?

Staff presented the first quarter report outlining progress on the association's strategic plan. See www.asba.ab.ca/policies/strategic-plan.asp for the strategic plan and updates. **Note:** School boards have been asked for advice about the strategic plan priorities. The deadline for submissions is January 4. Please send your submissions to **Heather Rogers**, hrogers@asba.ab.ca, Director Finance and Administration.

Full survey report to be mailed to every jurisdiction office shortly

What school boards had to say about the ASBA?

Sixty-six school boards were invited – and 62 responded – to the 2009 ASBA Membership Survey. The survey is conducted annually by an independent contractor. These are highlights of the 28-page report. Please see the full report which will be mailed to school jurisdictions shortly for detailed responses and commentary.

What do school boards think about all services in general?

When asked to assess the services provided by the ASBA (including the insurance programs and supplemental pension plans) school boards gave the association an average mark of 8.09/10.

Asked specifically about Communications services

Based on responses from 24 school boards, who used communications services, this department received an average rating of 9.27/10.

Asked specifically about Education services

Based on responses from 38 school boards, the average rating for education services was 9.1/10.

Asked specifically about Labour relations services

Based on responses from 27 of the 35 boards who used labour relations services, this department's average rating was: 9/10.

Asked specifically about Legal services

Based on responses from 53 school boards, the average rating for legal services was: 8.96/10.

Asked about communications with members

School boards were also asked to describe their level of agreement with the following statements based on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being strongly agree.

The ASBA practices open communication: information is freely shared.

84 per cent of respondents ranked this between 7.5 and 10; 16 per cent – 5 to 7

The ASBA has a sense of direction and purpose; the association knows where it is going

48 per cent of respondents ranked this between 7.5 and 10; 47 per cent – 5 to 7; 5 per cent – 1 to 4.5

The ASBA listens to your board's needs.

58 per cent of respondents ranked this between 7.5 and 10; 40 per cent – 5 to 7; 2 per cent – 1 to 4.5

The ASBA responds quickly to your board's requests

77 per cent of respondents ranked this between 7.5 and 10; 21 per cent – 5 to 7; 2 per cent – 1 to 4.5

Asked about the ASBA's advocacy efforts

Your board has sufficient input into advocacy activities at the provincial level.

61 per cent of respondents ranked this between 7.5 and 10; 39 per cent – 5 to 7

ASBA enhances advocacy through linkages with partners

61 per cent of respondents ranked this between 7.5 and 10; 36 per cent – 5 to 7; 3 per cent – 1 to 4.5