

ASBA Board of Directors Meeting

Board Highlights are circulated to the ASBA Board of Directors and ASBA staff after each meeting. Directors are asked to share Board Highlights with their respective constituencies. See the ASBA website www.asba.ab.ca for draft and official minutes. For more information contact **Marian Johnson** at 1.780.451.7101.

Every school board responded to ASBA's 2007 membership survey

Results of ASBA membership survey presented to board of directors

The ASBA surveys school boards each year to ask them about their satisfaction with the services provided by the association. The board of directors and staff review these results with a view to adjusting services to better meet member needs.

Highlights of the 2007 ASBA membership survey

*Two copies of the membership survey report will be mailed to jurisdiction offices Feb. 22.
If you would like additional copies, please contact Marian Johnson at 1.780.451.7101*

Most school boards use ASBA services

The 66 school boards (62 Alberta boards and two boards in Yellowknife and Lloydminster respectively) who participated in the 2007 membership survey used the following association services:

Legal Services – 59 school boards
Labour Relations – 48 school boards
Association Affairs – 39 school boards

School boards are very pleased with ASBA services

Legal Services – 90 per cent of respondents were very satisfied
Labour Relations – 90 per cent of respondents were very satisfied
Association Affairs – 95 per cent of respondents were very satisfied

Advocacy and communications with members

School boards were also asked about member communications and provincial advocacy efforts.

When asked if the ASBA practised open communications

68 per cent of respondents strongly agreed
26 per cent agreed
6 per cent disagreed

When asked if the ASBA listened to school boards needs

39 per cent of respondents strongly agreed
48 per cent agreed
13 per cent disagreed

When asked if school boards had sufficient input into provincial advocacy activities

49 per cent of respondents strongly agreed

43 per cent agreed

8 per cent disagreed

High school completion initiative gets underway – ASBA Board of Directors sets terms of reference for task force

Improving high school completion is one of the ASBA's three advocacy priorities. The ASBA Board of Directors approved these terms of reference for this task force which will be chaired by Zone 4 Director **Jackie Swainson**.

Terms of reference – ASBA High School Completion Task Force

With a view to contributing to improving Alberta's high school completion rates, this task force will develop a plan for consideration by the ASBA Board of Directors that

- Identifies the unique contributions school boards can make to improving high school completion rates
- Identifies and develops resources to assist school boards in their efforts to improve high school completion rates

Each Zone to name representative to task force

Each Zone will be asked to name a representative to the ASBA High School Completion Task Force which includes **Kerry Milder**, Zone 6 Director; **Clayton Jespersen**, Zone 2/3 Director; **Carol Bazinet**, Calgary Public and **Marilyn Bergstra**, Edmonton Catholic.

ASBA responds to U of A's review of pre-service teacher education

The ASBA Board of Directors endorsed a response to the University of Alberta committee reviewing pre-service teacher education. Copies of the response which was based on ASBA policy and insights gathered through the association's participation on curriculum committees will be circulated to school boards.

Upcoming initiatives

See ASBA President **Heather Welwood's** Board Chairs E-mail No. 9 for more information about the following key issues the association is tackling:

- In response to requests from school boards, the association will conduct a review of the process and impact of the recently achieved memorandums of agreement.
- The association is gathering information about the minister of education's recent decision to move responsibility for dealing with complaints about teacher competence from the Government of Alberta to the Alberta Teachers' Association.

ASBA Board of Directors makes appointments to boards of insurance/pension plans

The ASBA Board of Directors approved appointments to the boards of these ASBA-sponsored insurance and pension plans.

Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP)

Gerry Gibeault (Chair)	Trustee, Edmonton Public
Bill Schulte	Secretary-Treasurer, Battle River Regional Division
Karen Holloway	Trustee, Clearview School Division
Carol Bazinet	Trustee, Calgary Board of Education

Jerry Muelaner Trustee, Foothills School Division

Note:

Jan.1, 2009 Lance Miller, Trustee, Westwind School Division will join the ASEBP board

Alberta School Boards Insurance Exchange (ASBIE)

Jerry Muelaner (Chair)	Trustee, Foothills School Division
Caren Mueller	Trustee, Evergreen CSR
Rod Soholt	Trustee, Northern Lights School Division
Jean Champagne	Secretary-Treasurer, St. Paul Education Regional Division
Joe Henderson	Secretary-Treasurer, Wolf Creek School Division
Dexter Durfey	Secretary-Treasurer, Westwind School Division

Supplemental integrated Pension Plan (SiPP)

Jim Gibbons (Chair)	Superintendent, Chinook's Edge School Division
Marg Belcourt	Chair, Calgary Catholic
Tyler Demers	Trustee, Lethbridge School Division