

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
ZONE 2/3
GENERAL MEETING
AGENDA

St. Anthony Centre
April 23, 2010
9:30 a.m.
(Lunch will be provided)

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS - CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA
 - A. ACTION ITEMS
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - B. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
3. ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA as circulated/amended.
4. MINUTES
 - a) Acceptance of Minutes of General Meeting March 26, 2010 as circulated/amended.
 - b) Business arising from minutes
5. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS
 - a) **STANDING ITEM - ASBA Issues/Directives for Action**
Are there any issues coming forward from Boards within our Zone?
(As per the new ASBA Board of Directors' Governance Policy #10)
 - b)
 - c) Additional Action
 - 1)
 - 2)
6. INFORMATION ITEMS - ALL REPORTS ARE REQUESTED TO BE WRITTEN
 - a) Zone Reports
 1. Chair's Report - Trustee Brower
 2. Edwin Parr Committee Report - Trustee Lemke
 3. Advocacy Committee Report - Trustee Ripley
 4. Labour Relations Report - Trustee Mueller
 5. Financial Report - Jackie Gilbert

b) ASBA Reports

1. Zone Directors - Trustee Akers, Trustee Jespersen
2. President - Heather Welwood
3. Executive Director - David Anderson

c) Alberta Education

1. Field Services - Elsie Pawluk/Keith Jones
2. Other

d) Other

1. Information Discussion - ASBA Election Terms
2. ASBA 2010 Fall General Meeting - Policy Positions (to be acted on May 28, 2010) - provided at this time for information only.
 - Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7
 - i. Small Schools by Necessity Funding (att.)
 - ii. Stability of Education Funding (att.)
 - Edmonton Public Schools
 - i. School Health Policy (att.)
 - St. Paul Education
 - i. New Capital Projects (to be distributed at meeting)

e) Additional Information

- 1)
- 2)

7. PRESENTATIONS

ASBA Budget - 2010-2011

Lynda Akers, Bev Esslinger, Heather Rogers, ASBA

ASBA Drug Awareness Committee Presentation

Kerry Milder, Chair

Vince Rogers, Consultant

9. BOARD SHARING - as time permits

2:45 p.m. 10. ADJOURN

Next Meeting - General Meeting -

May 28, 2010 - 1:00 p.m. (Please note time change)

Executive Royal Inn (West)

10010-178 Street, Edmonton 780-484-6000

UPCOMING EVENTS

2010 EDWIN PARR AWARDS BANQUET

Executive Royal Inn (West) 10010-178 Street 780-484-6000

6:00 p.m.

Tickets - \$40.00 (must be ordered in advance of May 21, 2010 – see attached order form)

Zone 2/3 Chair's Report – April 2010

Submitted by: Lisa Brower

April 12, 2010

- The new process within the ASBA Board of Directors' Governance Policy that allows for boards to bring matters or issues forward through zone or directly to their zone director(s) will add a new dimension to our meetings. We are learning together as this is a new governance policy (#12) and will likely mean a few growing pains along the way. However, having a good discussion is never a problem and something we all can learn from.
- At our last meeting a member brought forward a matter for discussion around term limits. Expressing a desire to have a conversation around the pros and cons of term limits and how this plays out in our association. An action from that you will see on the April agenda as simply an information discussion.
- We have heard from three school boards with regards to proposed policy positions for the FGM. Although we do not decide formally until May 28th we will have time for discussion on those that are ready to present and share on April 23/10.
- Dates to keep in mind:
 - April 23/10 Zone 2/3 General Meeting 9:30am
 - May 28/10 Zone 2/3 General Meeting 1:00pm
 - May 28/10 Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Awards Banquet (evening).
 - June 7 – 8/10 ASBA Spring General Meeting (Red Deer)
 - June 18/10 Zone 2/3 General Meeting 9:30am
 - Canadian School Boards Association Congress July 7 – 9, 2010
Location: St. John's NL

For your information:

It is my intention to seek the Director (1) position (Clayton's position) that will become vacant after our SGM in June. Our zone is required to elect a new director within thirty days prior to SGM. We will be holding an election for the director position and director alternate on May 28th. Should I be successful and become the new zone 2/3 director (1) it would be my recommendation that Johnette Lemke as the zone vice chair assume the duties of zone chair until the AGM in October 2010.

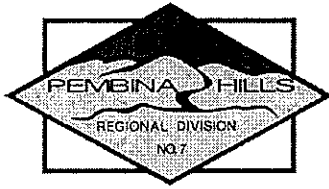
ASBA ZONE 2/3

FINANCIAL REPORT - REVENUES & EXPENSES

2009-2010
April 9, 2010

	2009-2010 BUDGET	2009-2010 ACTUAL	Variance		2008-2009 ACTUAL
			Actual 0910 to Budget 0910		
REVENUES					
25 Membership Fees	\$53,512	\$48,782	\$4,730	91.16%	\$50,535
Meal Recoveries					
MLA Presentation	\$4,000	\$1,760	\$2,240	44.00%	\$3,660
Edwin Parr Banquet	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	0.00%	\$2,640
Labour Meetings	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	0.00%	\$1,400
Other	\$0	\$40	(\$40)		\$1,400
Interest Income (Min.Bal.)	\$100	\$0	\$100	0.00%	\$577
TOTAL REVENUES	\$63,612	\$50,582	\$13,030	20.48%	\$60,212
EXPENSES					
Executive Committee					
Per Diem	\$11,000	\$6,081	\$4,920		\$10,620
Chair Allowance	\$750	\$438	\$0		\$750
Expenses	\$5,000	\$3,824	\$1,176		\$4,198
	\$16,750	\$10,342	\$6,096	61.74%	\$15,568
Advocacy Committee					
Per Diem	\$2,500	\$2,080	\$420		\$1,920
Chair Allowance	\$250	\$250	\$0		\$250
Committee Expenses	\$2,500	\$1,158	\$1,342		\$2,457
Presentation Media Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0		\$2,970
MLA Presentation	\$7,500	\$4,636	\$2,864		\$7,500
	\$16,750	\$12,124	\$4,626	72.38%	\$15,097
Ad-Hoc Committees					
Per Diem	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000		\$1,080
Chair Allowance	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Committee Expenses	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000		\$280
	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	0.00%	\$1,360
Edwin Parr Committee					
Per Diem	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400		\$1,729
Chair Allowance	\$100	\$0	\$100		\$100
Expenses	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500		\$1,789
Awards Dinner	\$8,750	\$0	\$8,750		\$7,011
	\$13,750	\$0	\$13,750	0.00%	\$10,629
Labour Relations Representative					
Per Diem	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000		\$160
Expenses	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000		\$3,205
Speaker	\$250	\$0	\$250		\$0
	\$3,250	\$0	\$3,250	0.00%	\$3,365
Audit	\$1,500	\$1,219	\$281	81.27%	\$1,521
Bank Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
CSBA Conference	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	0.00%	\$3,253
ASBA Leadership	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	0.00%	\$0
Guest Speakers	\$300	\$225	\$75	75.00%	\$243
Meeting Expenses	\$11,700	\$6,419	\$5,281	54.86%	\$11,764
Office Supplies, Postage, Phone	\$1,500	\$95	\$1,405	6.36%	\$1,326
Secretary-Treasurer Contract	\$5,650	\$4,166	\$1,484	73.73%	\$3,000
Support Honorarium	\$500	\$0	\$500	0.00%	\$700
Zone Appreciation	\$200	\$0	\$200	0.00%	\$46
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$79,850	\$34,590	\$44,948	43.32%	\$67,872
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(\$16,239)	\$15,992	(\$31,919)		(\$7,660)
EQUITY ESTIMATE	Budget	Actual			
Opening Balance, September 1, 2009	\$25,998	\$25,998			
Budgeted Excess of Revenues over Expenses	(\$16,239)	\$15,992			
Closing Balance	\$9,759	\$41,990			

Per Motion of September 28, 2007, a minimum operating surplus of \$10,000 must be maintained



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5310 - 49 Street, Barrhead, Alberta, Canada

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Phone: (780) 674-8500
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Small Schools by Necessity Funding

Proposed Policy Issue:

That Alberta Education review the level of funding for Small Schools by Necessity, given the demographic shift that has occurred in the province

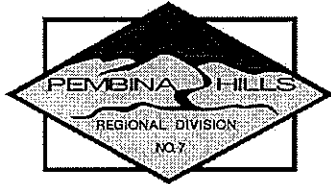
Background:

Lines 30-35 on page 7-2 of ASBA Policy on Education Finance states:

Enhanced funding for small schools by necessity should be provided so small high schools can provide students with access to at least a minimum acceptable program and which allows graduates to attend any post-secondary institution in Alberta.

When the Renewed Funding Framework was implemented in the 2004-2005 school year, differential funding for small schools by necessity was introduced as part of a school jurisdiction's profile. The formula for calculating the funding level is based on the size of school, grade configuration of school, and distance between schools.

Over the past six (6) years, rural de-population has continued to occur, in particular for school-aged children. The data used in 2004 to determine an appropriate level of funding needs to be updated to ensure current funding levels adequately reflect the intent of small school by necessity funding.



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Stability of Education Funding

Proposed Policy Issue:

That the Province commit to securing stable and predictable education funding for school boards on a regular basis

Background:

The finances of this province have long since been driven by the energy resource sector. Both booms and busts of the past have forced school boards to deliver education based on resources available in any given year.

School boards are entrusted with the education of children over a thirteen (13) year time span. The education of children is too important to our society to be tied with boom and bust cycles.

The 'smoothing out' of the ups and downs of the economy through deposits into the education portfolio regularly and predictably would allow school boards to deliver education to children in a more stable financial environment. In the past, some boards have attempted to do this through use of operating reserves. Unfortunately, this local level decision making has been over-ridden with provincial fiscal corrections.

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April 9, 2010

Ms Lisa Brower, Chair
ASBA Zone 2/3

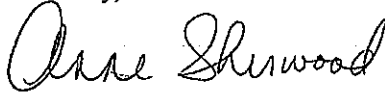
Dear Ms Brower:

Edmonton Public Schools is submitting the following proposed directive for action to ASBA Zone 23 for consideration for the ASBA policy development process for the Fall AGM:

Directive for Action: That, in support of the Minister's strategic priority of *building healthy minds and bodies*, the ASBA create a school health policy, which can be supported by the membership, that speaks to the importance of creating active, healthy students and identify in that policy the principal ingredients of health, namely mental health and nutritional and physical well being.

Attached is some background information on existing ASBA policy relative to student health initiatives and information on Alberta Education's strategic priorities relative to health.

Sincerely,



Anne Sherwood
Corporate Board Secretary

AS:mmf

cc Jackie Gilbert

Attachment (1)


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EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DIRECTIVE FOR ACTION: CREATE A SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY

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Background

The following are the current ASBA policies and directives for action related to school health.

ASBA POLICIES ON STUDENT, STAFF AND SCHOOL HEALTH

E d u c a t i o n F i n a n c e

Integrated Services Funding The provincial government departments of Alberta Health and Wellness, Alberta Children's Services, and Alberta Education should determine and clarify in policy, for all health authorities and school divisions, which ministry is responsible for funding rehabilitation services for all children and students.

F a c i l i t i e s

ICT Infrastructure Funding The provincial government should provide the required financial support to provide the necessary infrastructure to support Information and Communications Technology. In particular, funding support is required to meet the code requirements of the new *Occupational Health and Safety Act* Regulations and Code legislation.

I n t e g r a t e d S e r v i c e s

School Support Therapists Speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, mental health therapists, and physiotherapists should be available and accessible to our school systems to support learning so that Alberta's children can receive the best possible education and advocates that the appropriate Ministers make training and accreditation of such specialties a high government priority.

S t u d e n t s

**Health and Learning
in Schools**

The Government of Alberta should establish a high profile task force on health and learning in schools, with broad participation from groups involved in health and learning and with a mandate to develop a model policy for a comprehensive approach to health and learning in schools and school systems.

**Disposition of
Reports**

Section 6-1 line 20

**Program Standards
for Nutritional
Programs**

The ASBA endorses the *Best Practices Program Standards* as a model for child nutrition programs in schools.

The Government of Alberta – Budget 2010 Education Business Plan 2010-2013 includes a new strategic priority of *Building healthy minds and bodies (pp.68, 69 of the Business Plan)*. The health and well-being of children and students is recognized as one of the significant opportunities and challenges in meeting their educational achievement and future success. This strategic priority is focused on supporting students, parents, educators and the community in developing safe and healthy learning environments to increase student's coping behaviours at as early an age as possible. Adopting healthy behaviours, such as making better choices, enables students to self protect their physical and mental health. The Ministry has identified strategy 1.4 (page 70) *Develop a comprehensive approach to wellness education for students* to meet this strategic priority.

ASBA ZONE 2/3

EDWIN PARR AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.
Executive Royal Inn West, 100 Avenue & 178 Street, Edmonton

TICKET ORDER FORM - \$40.00/EACH

SCHOOL BOARD NAME: _____

EMAIL CONTACT FOR TICKET CONFIRMATION: _____

TOTAL # OF TICKETS REQUESTED

X
\$40.00 (NET OF GST REBATE)

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

\$

Please complete and fax or email Ticket Order Form directly to Jackie Gilbert, Secretary-Treasurer@ 7804593562/ (Jgilbert@gsacrd.ab.ca) by May 19th, 2010. Tickets will be held at the Banquet Reception Area. Payment may follow.

Please consider this your invoice and remit to:

*ASBA Zone 2/3
Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools
c/o Jackie Gilbert
6 St. Vital Avenue
St. Albert, AB T8N 1K2*

ALL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. Thank-you.