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Notice of General Meeting

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DATE:	November 9, 2009
LOCATION:	Ericksen's Catering, Lethbridge
TIME:	9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

9:30 **Registration & Call to Order –**

- Colleen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She introduced Dr. Donna Smith, who then chaired the next portion.

10:00 **MELRA Awards Presentation by Janice Saarich**

- Dr. Smith then introduced Dr. Jim Dueck, Assist. Deputy Minister, Janice, Saarich, Parliamentary Assist to Minister of Education, Erica McDonald, Director for Communications with Alberta Education and Mr. Greg Wedick, Lethbridge MLA. She introduced Heather Wellwood. Heather thanked the jurisdictions for their hard work on behalf of students, and congratulated all the jurisdictions.
- Janice Sarrich presented the awards to all the jurisdictions on behalf of the Honorable David Hancock, who was unable to attend.

10:45 **Additions to Agenda -**

- Motion to add an item to the agenda made by Jolee Godfrey, - Alberta Coalition on Healthy School Communities representative.

Approval of Agenda –

- Motion to accept addition to the agenda made by Terry Riley.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from Zone General Meeting Sept. 2009 –

- Motion to accept the minutes of Sept. 2009 made by Karen Barch.
Motion carried.

11:00 **Call for Nominations –**

- Chaired by Terry Riley, Mr. Terry Riley called three times for nominations for each position.
 - Zone 6 Chair, Ms. Colleen Deitz was appointed by acclamation.
 - Zone 6 Vice Chair, Ms. Jolee Godfrey was appointed by acclamation.
 - Labor Relations Director. Mr. Jim Burdett was appointed by acclamation.
 - Edwin Parr Awards Evening Chair, Ms. Marie Logan was appointed by acclamation.
 - Alberta Coalition on Healthy School Communities Representative, Ms. Jolee Godfrey was appointed by acclamation.

11:05 **Lethbridge 51 Emergent FGM notices –**

- See attached.
- Mr. Barry Lutin distributed copies of 2 directives for action. These 2 directives will be proposed by Lethbridge School District # 51 at the 2009 Fall General Meeting of the ASBA. He discussed the reason for wanting these directives. Communication is on going with Ms. Heather Tkachuk, ASBA Policy & Research Analyst.
- Regarding the Diploma exams, the directive asks for a single exam that has both components, multiple choice and written.
- This directive is proposed by Lethbridge 51, seconded by Horizon School Division, and unanimous supported by the ASBA.

- The 2nd directive wants the diploma to be weighted at 30% not the current 50% of a student's final mark.
- This directive is proposed by Lethbridge 51, seconded by Livingstone Range School Division, and unanimously supported by the ASBA.

11:10 – 11:50 **Reports -**

- ASBA Zone Director Report by Kerry Milder, presented by Heather Wellwood.
- Our Board of Directors' last meeting was held in October. There is no board meeting held in November due to our FGM. The Board did meet with the Minister on Oct. 15th to discuss the upcoming financial issues facing us in the coming year. As I'm sure you're all aware, the Minister has requested that all board chairs and superintendents meet with him in Edmonton after our FGM.

 - The Policy Bulletin has been emailed out and we are requesting that everyone who is attending print off a copy to take to the FGM.

- ASBA's School Act Submission has been sent out to board chairs and superintendents on Nov.3rd. Please take a few moments and read over this document. Thank you to all who attended the session on our school act submission on Oct.14th and participated in the discussions.
- Reminder for those boards wishing to engage their public in a dialogue concerning the upcoming year's financial constraints, that there is a video conferencing session being held on Nov.16th.
- I attended the Minister's Inspiring Education Conference back in October and found it to be well worth the trip. The keynote speakers were all excellent and I found their talks to be very thought-provoking. Our website should have these speakers' keynotes available soon for those who weren't able to make the conference. I would like to say that Zone 6 was very well represented at this event. That indicates the level of commitment our zone's boards have toward the education of all of our students now and in the future.
- The Annual accounting of the progress for action made by the Association toward achieving the desired result is usually provided at our FGM but at the SGM of this year, the Association's revised policies were approved. There is now no clear separation of directives for action from policy. There will now be a summary of advocacy highlights provided.
- See you at the FGM!

Motion to go in camera at 11:40 a.m. made by Karen Bartsch. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of in camera at 11:55 a.m. made by Bob Spitzeg. Motion carried.

ASBA Report – Heather Wellwood

Labour Relations - Jim Burdett

- AAWIE, lots of grievances have been filed. Waiting to see what test case gets picked. He mentioned that everyone might not understand the cuts. He discussed the impact of budget cuts and what the effects might be in the next year or two. There may be 4 or 5 thousand less teachers overall in the province if the cuts are made that are being talked about.

Zone 6 Chair – Colleen Deitz

- Jurisdictions are encouraged to add a link on their websites to "Stop the cuts" website

PD Committee – Peter Scott (No Report)

Zone Directors Report – Ron Taylor

- See attached report

12:00 **LUNCH**

1:00 **Finish Reports**

1:15 **Budget Presentation**

- The budget was presented by Pam Boyson for Dexter Durfey.
- The executive voted to maintain the same budget as last year as the estimated actual showed a slight surplus. The per diem rate will adjust according to Zone 6 policy to follow ASBA provincial rates. The per diem will be \$ 160.00 per full day up from \$ 155.00 and the mileage will change to .49 up from .48.
- Motion to increase the total Mileage & Meals for members to \$ 9,000.00 made by Terry Riley. Motion carried.
Motion to accept the budget with one change made by Don Zech
Motion carried.

1:30 – 1:45 **ASC Association Report – Marilyn Sheptycki**

- The new president Marilyn Sheptycki presented - The ASCA would like to thank the ASBA for their support. This school year they have already been out to Zone 6 councils. As well, many Zone 6 school council parents and trustees attended the Annual Meeting. In 1994 there were changes to the school council's role. Now that a rewrite of the School Act is underway those concerns are being brought up again. Parents do not want to assume greater responsibilities through their school councils than they have now. ASCA does not support school councils doing more than being an advisory role. The ASCA's submission for changes to the School Act can be found on their website. Parent working in tandem with school boards are very effective. The goal of the ASCA is to have engaged and supportive parents.

1:45 **Elections**

2:15 **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn made by Jolee Godfrey. Motion carried.