

ZONE 1

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Minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting held in Holy Family Catholic Education Centre, Peace River, AB

ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Alberta Education – Nathan Freed
Alberta School Boards Association – Darcy Eddleston
Conseil Scolaire du Nord Ouest – Colin Gagnon
Fort Vermilion School Division – Henry Goertzen
Grande Prairie Catholic – Michael Popek, Jody Fingerhut, Michelle Boisvert, Karl Germann
Grande Prairie Public – Paulette Kurylo, Norm Guindon, Rob Martin, Sandy McDonald
High Prairie School Division – Joyce Dvornek,
Holy Family Catholic Regional Division – John Michael Pozniak, John Kuran, Gary Fisher,
Ryk David Badger, Aimee Hirtle, Betty Turpin
Northland School Division – Maddy Daniels
Peace River School Division – Robyn Robertson, Delainah Velichka, Chris Schneider, Lori
Leitsch, Crystal Owens, Paul Bennett
Peace Wapiti School Division – Sharilyn Anderson, Stefanie Clarke, Wendy Kelm, Dana
McIntosh

(30 in attendance)

1. Call to Order

Chair, Joyce Dvornek called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and acknowledged the ancestral and traditional territory of the Indigenous peoples of the area.

Introductions were held.

2. KAIROS Blanket Exercise

The members participated in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Wendy Kelm of Peace Wapiti moved to approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes – January 10, 2018

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Moved by Paulette Kurylo of G.P. Public to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5 New Items

5.1 Edwin Parr Awards

April 30th is the deadline for each board to submit their nomination package to Sandy McDonald. The committee has set May 7 and 8 to review the applications.

5.2 ASBA Superintendents Salary Comparison Survey

1. D. McIntosh PWSD expressed her board's concern on this survey actually benefitting school boards, possibly contrived for the detriment of superintendents and boards, there was no request from CASS for their input in the writing of this report, fact checking on information on the report, Robyn Robertson PRSD had the same concerns, board autonomy was devalued (Nathan Freed left the room while we had this discssion). The Board of Directors made the decision to share internally first and then later to partner stakeholders. Areas of misinformation in the report were addressed and corrected. Terms of reference for report was still a concern, information will not be available on website. Darcy Eddleston spoke to these concerns and to the fact that the report was commissioned after a request for the survey came from a couple of boards. Jody Fingerhut from GP Catholic expressed concern about why this information was needed when the information is available online on each school board website. Karl Germann was concerned about the conclusions that were drawn from the report. Wendy Kelm asked about sending to the media -ASBA did not send out to media but was shared or leaked anyway. Gary Fisher HFCSO asked about ASBA legal looking over the report. Paul Bennett PRSD, concern over why this was undertaken without board chairs and superintendents being made aware of this undertaking ahead of time. This decision by ASBA was not supported by trustees, it would have been better to bring to June SGM for approval from the membership. Colin Gagnon CSNO was concerned over the report and listing their board as an issue. Dana McIntosh PWSD and Stefanie Clarke PWSD do not want to see this happen again and someone should be accountable for the report's mistakes and the backlash from these mistakes. Maddy Daniels from Northland SD asked for questions to be outlined. Paulette

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Kurylo would like to see the questions in the motion. Darcy Eddleston said the ASBA did not send report to the minister initially, it was intended for boards to see the report first.

Moved by Dana McIntosh of Peace Wapiti that the Zone write a letter to the ASBA Board of Directors sharing concerns expressed by the membership and requesting answers to the following questions:

1. Who requested the commissioning of the report?
2. Who, how and when were the terms of reference established?
3. What was the cost of the report?
4. Why was CASS not asked for input or given a head's up about the report?
5. Why was there no advance warning, no speaking notes ahead of time for board chairs?
6. Why were boards not contacted about the leak as soon as it happened?
7. Why was this report not marked CONFIDENTIAL?
8. What safeguards were put in place to ensure the accuracy of the information of data and comparisons contained in the report?
9. What will ASBA actively do to repair the damage that has been done?

CARRIED

6 Standing Reports

6.1 ASBA Zone Director Report – Tammy Henkel

- Zone 1 ASBA Director – Tammy Henkel and Raymonde Lussier joined us by Video Conference at 1:00 pm
- The Winter Leadership Academy was well-attended
- The summer leadership conference will be held August 24, 25 in Canmore.
- At the B of D March meeting the ASBA Strategic plan was discussed, looking at opportunities around efficiencies, budget 2018/19 to be circulated to school boards
- SGM registration will open in April, bylaw changes need to be submitted to Jennifer Klarenbach at ASBA
- Awards on website
- An event attended by Zone Chairs and Board of Directors regarding Understanding Indigenous Perspective and Governance was well-received by participants.

6.2 ASBA Report – Vice President, Darcy Eddleston

- Vice President, Darcy Eddleston, said there was a lot going in education both nationally and provincially, the Nova Scotia government after receiving the Dr. Avis Glaze report moved to dissolve elected school boards.

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- Mary Martin wrote an opinion piece on the loss of locally-elected school boards in Nova Scotia and her article was picked up by various newspapers.
- The decision regarding changes to transportation funding will not happen until next year.
- Darcy referenced Mary Martin's recent letter on Comparative Analysis on Superintendent Salaries and the recent signing of the Ministerial letter for leadership standards.
- The board of directors held their Strategic planning and budget discussions.
- Legal services from ASBA will not be available due to lack of room in budget, Gary Fisher PRSD asked about why this wasn't brought up at FGM - Darcy Eddleston said this was also a budget consideration last year and the issue was discussed at the SGM.

6.3 Alberta Education – Nathan Freed

- The Alberta Government collapsed two education services branches down to three from five.
- Nathan is in charge of the North Services Branch now. This area covers everything north of Edmonton.
- Innovation in First Nation's Education grant to be extended.
- Assurance review in Grande Prairie was well attended.
- High School Redesign in Peace River also well attended.
- The online accountability pillar pilot is in review stage.

6.4 North West Regional Learning Consortium – Wendy Kelm

- NRLC Executive Director would like a spot on the agenda for May in GP
- ASCA Representative is now Rick Sakundiak
- Invite members to check out website nrlc.net and facebook site for information on curriculum redesign.

6.5 Labour Relations – Tammy Henkel

No report

6.6 Healthy Schools Coalition – Stefanie Clarke

- Alberta Health Services website – article on healthy schools
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/csh.aspx>

6.7 Second Languages Caucus – John Kuran

- First organizational meeting held Feb. 12
- Powerpoint and videos available for new trustees
- Caucus Chair, Cheryl Dumont will contact Zone Chairs regarding information about the caucus.

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6.8 Zone Chair's Report – Joyce Dvornek

- Attended the Indigenous Governance Session
- Looking to receive compiled information from the Governance Session

7. In Camera

There was no request to go in-camera.

8. Request for Consideration for Action

None

9. Correspondence

None

10. Round Table Discussion

Member boards provided an update from each of their jurisdictions.

11. Next Meeting – May 9, 2018 G.P. Public

12. Adjournment

As the meeting has come to the end of the order paper, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.