

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
ZONE 2/3

AGENDA – GENERAL MEETING

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St. Anthony Centre

10425 84 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, T6E 2H3

February 24, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

(Lunch will be provided - Please advise if you have any dietary concerns)

9:00 AM Coffee and Registration

9:30 AM Zone 2/3 Business Meeting

1. Call to Order/Recognition of Treaty 6 Land

- Blessing by Elder Russell Auger
- Smudging led by Elder Russell Auger

2. Consideration of the Agenda – Addition items

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes of General Meeting held on January 20, 2017 - Attached

5. Zone Business:

- 5.1 **Standing Item** – ASBA Issues/Directives for Action
- 5.2 **Chair's Report** – Cheryl Dumont – **Attached**
- 5.3 **Review of Financial Report** – **Attached**
- 5.4 **Proposed Policy Timeline**
- 5.5 **Edwin Parr Committee**
 - a) **Resignation** for Alice McLaughlin
 - b) **By-Election** for vacant Edwin Parr Committee member.
Must be available for the following dates:
 - Review packages - April 24 and 25
 - Interviews - May 1 and 2.

6. ASBA Reports:

- 6.1 **Zone Directors** – Jean Boisvert, Jennifer Tuininga
- 6.2 **President** – Mary Martin
- 6.3 **Executive Director** – Suzanne Polkosnik

7. Alberta Education Report – Doreen Lupaschuk, Director, Greater Edmonton Services Branch, Field Services, Alberta Education

8. Generative Discussion

- Importance of locally elected trustees. Led by the Advocacy Committee

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9. Professional Development Presentation

- A Elder Teachings – Elder Russell Auger
- B Success coaching for indigenous students – Delores Pruden-Barrie, High Prairie School Division
- C Friendship Centers

10. Board Sharing

- Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Education Calls to Action

This is an opportunity to share achievements, celebrations and challenges with other boards. Please provide our Secretary Kim Ayers a brief outline of your message for our minutes.

11. Professional Development Presentation – 1:00 PM

Update on the First Nations Metis and Inuit Partners Taskforce

- Brian Callaghan, ASBA Consultant and Darrell Ghostkeeper, Zone 2/3 member of First Nation Metis Inuit Task Force committee on Education and Wellbeing.

12. Zone Committee Reports:

- 11.1 **Advocacy Committee Report** – Michelle Lamer, Jackie Comeau, Carol DeMong
- 11.2 **Edwin Parr Report** – Alice McLaughlin, Shelley Porter, Kim Armstrong – **No Report**
- 11.3 **Labour Relations Report** – Mandi Skogen, Nancy Sand
- 11.4 **U of A Field Experiences Advisory Committee Report** – Glenys Edwards
- 11.5 **Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC) Report** – Justine Wright
- 11.6 **Comprehensive School Health Report** – Irene Sawyer
- 11.7 **Zone Language Report** – Cheryl Dumont, Laura Thibert, Patricia Pedersen
- 11.8 **First Nation Metis Inuit Task Force committee on Education and Wellbeing** –Darrell Ghostkeeper - **Attached**

13. Adjourn

Next Meeting General Meeting
March 24, 2017
St. Anthony Centre
9:30 a.m.

ASBA ZONE 2/3

LAST MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

DRAFT MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING

St. Anthony Centre

10425 84 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, T6E 2H3

January 20, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order/Recognition of Treaty 6 Land 9:31 AM

2. Consideration of the Agenda – Addition items

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Trustee Martinson (*Black Gold*) moved to approve the Agenda.

Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of General Meeting held on November 25, 2016 - Attached

MOTION: Trustee Wright (*Elk Island Catholic*) moved to approve the minutes of the general meeting held on September 23, 2016.

Carried.

5. Zone Business:

5.1 **Standing Item** – ASBA Issues/Directives for Action - **None**

5.2 **Chair's Report** – Cheryl Dumont – **Attached**

- Is there interest in have professional development on Eating disorders.
Straw vote: 12 in favour. 8 opposed. Executive will pursue this PD.

5.3 **Review of Financial Report** – **None**

5.4 **Proposed Policy Discussion – Feedback for Zone Chairs meeting**

- Last year was a much better process with the Zone 2/3. May meeting was a bit rushed, but executive has pulled PD from May. Encouraged to have all our discussions and questions in April.
- Board Reps will vote for the proposed policies by secret ballot this year 2017.
- Encourage all that if there are policies that are of interest to more than one board that we work together.

5.5 **Possible date change for March meeting.**

- Would you like to change March meeting from March 24 to March 17?
Vote:
Keep March 24 – 13
Move to March 17 – 6
Zone will keep the date March 24th.

5.6 **Zone Thank you**

- *Thank you for your service Lorna Misselbrook!*

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6. ASBA Reports:

6.1 **Zone Directors** – Jean Boisvert, Jennifer Tuininga - **Attached**

6.2 **President** – Helen Cleese

- Bargaining boot camp: Good advice that was shared through all the presenters. Hope that it was of value as we move forward. ASBA sent out an email with explanation and a referral list of independent Labour Relation Consultants.
- MGA – There is opportunity to provide further input. A discussion guide is available. Boards have until January 31. Important to get our messaging across of what we want to see. Minister Larivee is no longer the Minister. Shaye Anderson is the new Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- Shannon Sherger replaces Peter Grad on ASBA Board of Directors.
- Alberta Rural Education Symposium is March 5-7, 2017.
- Sustainable development policy. Have asked Boards to share good news stories or best practice stories so we know
- Indigenous Shining award. Deadline February 28, 2017. http://www.asba.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/FNMI_nom_2017_v3.pdf
- Emerald Awards – www.emerald.foundation.ca
- Excellence in teaching award. Have spoken with Alberta Education. No new information available on this.
- Saskatchewan Governance Report – talking about appointed boards, amalgamations etc. Pay attention to this. Talk about this in your communities. We need our communities to understand why this matters.
- Minister's meetings with school boards – indications are that he has done about 4 meetings with school boards. Hoping all will be complete before the end of June. The logistics of getting to all Boards takes time. Topics that have come up with the boards visited so far are Education Act, Climate change, curriculum review and future ready. Make Minister aware of some of the realities we are faced with in regards to the budget coming up. Explaining reserves and why they are there.
- Met with Jeremy Nolan, Chief of Staff for the Minister, Deputy Curtis Clark with our 4 partners. Ended up being mostly about communication. Hopeful more ability to get to the Minister in more direct ways will happen. We had a lot of items on our agenda but not enough time to get through them.

6.3 **Executive Director** – Suzanne Polkosnik

- Bargaining boot camp was very well attended. A clear focus was put on Teacher bargaining, education support bargaining, showing they are the single biggest ticket item in the public sector. Teacher bargaining itself represents 4.8 billion dollars to the province. The attention that is going to be paid at the central table and the local tables is going to be high. We are actively discussing with the department how we can work together to have inputs and they provide us outputs to share information and take whatever opportunities exist to coordinate efforts to avoid cherry picking and whipsawing at the tables. Mac McDonald has decided to leave ASBA February 3, 2017 to enjoy life at his pace. He has said he will offer assistance to individual boards. That affects how well we are resourced to provide that coordination. The environment has changed so much we are extremely limited in how we can coordinate. We will work with the department to get timely information out to Boards. We have available, information on negotiators who are able to provide labour service.
- MGA – ASBA will be putting out the submission on behalf of ASBA and a how to guide. The discussion guide itself is not completely intuitive. We are developing a guide on how to go about navigating the discussion guide. On January 11, meeting with Minister Larivee, spoke about various aspects affecting school boards. Wanted the benefit of that conversation before we created this.

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- Joint use agreements: When pressed on the use of the word collaboration as opposed to the word consensus. Very little interest in moving from collaboration to consensus. That is why the submission hasn't been out. We have been trying to work with Minister of Education and Minister of Municipal Affairs to get more clarity around this. The information will be available to you today.
- Premier's office – has put in place within her office Stakeholder Relations Managers. These are people who are charged with responsibility, in various sectors in meeting with key stakeholders to get a broad view of all the things that may be at play. So the Premier is not just getting feedback from her Ministers but getting a cross view of things that may be coming that could be barriers or opportunities to success. We were able to speak to our concerns. Drawing a picture for the Premier, some dots that are getting connected from the stakeholder. There was a commitment to have ongoing discussion with the Premier office.
- Minister's tour – Minister came out at FGM with a very ambitious schedule. He recognised the schedule is not feasible, as he has visited 4 boards. Hoping by the end of the school year to have visited all. Did receive some feedback from boards who have had their visits. They expressed the meeting was fruitful and candid.
- Strategic planning session has happened. Starting to build the assumptions that will build the budget. A big piece of work. The budget is informed by the strategic plan.
- Met with the Deputy Minister. It was brief. We spoke to some of the communications protocols. There is a shift in what we have seen previously. A desire to have more dealt with at an operational level. Also there was a discussion on alternate ways the Minister of Education could meet with Trustees. ASBA discussed the Zone structure and meetings. There will be ongoing discussions in this area to see if there is a fit for the Minister to meet Trustees at Zone meetings in the future. There was assurance this would not preclude individual Board meetings with the Minister.

7. Alberta Education Report – Doreen Lupaschuk, Director, Greater Edmonton Services Branch, Field Services, Alberta Education

- Super Net contract: 4 vendors made the shortlist. Service Alberta is conducted meetings with them. Service Alberta is waiting on approval, timeline is looking like this spring.
- Public Health Act amendments: January 5, board Chairs received an email advising of the amendments that affect education. Received assent on December 9. Alberta health will be able to receive student enrolment and incomplete or missing immunization records. Public health officials will then will ask them for immunization records, or ask them to complete or update their records, or a letter of exemption or parents can sign a form of declination. Health has assured us this will not create more work to school boards. Sometimes students are being excluded during vaccine preventable outbreaks because this information is missing. Should result in efficiency in time and finances. Target start is September 2017. Don't see the need for registration forms to be changed. Simply passing the information we have to Alberta Health. Have your FOIP coordinator to make contact with the FOIP office – these details are in the email that was sent out.
- Trinity Christian School: Accredited funded private school, has more than 3500 students. October 25 Minister removed their registration and accreditation and closed them due to financial irregularities. The courts reinstated it. Jan 5 Alberta Education reached an agreement with Trinity that put the students at the center of this agreement. Removed third party group Wisdom Home Schooling Society of Alberta from governance or financial involvement. The teachers must now be employees of Trinity Christian not Wisdom Home Schooling.
- Mental Health review: Part of the curriculum development, wellness education is being developed. Developing standards for teachers and school officials Identifying competencies that support student mental health.

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- Healthy Alberta - enter mental health in the search field and you will see the resources available. Alberta Education website: <https://education.alberta.ca/topic-search/?searchMode=3>
 - Provincial Achievement test for Grade 6 and 9: Superintendents will be able to schedule their dates within a window of time.

8. Generative Discussions

- School start times - **Attached**
- Emergent discussion on possible efficiencies in Education.
 - It was brought to our attention by Trina Boymook who expressed an interest in discussion the above topic. Zone agreed to have this discussion. Trina's opening comments described a session she had attended with the Minister of Finance as follows:
 - Session started with a round table discussion with the Minister of Finance
 - He indicated we are in the second year of recession.
 - Government needs time to repair the effects – recovery likely 2019.
 - To get Alberta back in balance there are 3 things that need to be done.
 1. Premier stated many times not much headroom for major new spending
 2. Plan to bring us back to balance
 3. Slow the rate of spending by finding efficiencies.
 - During this round table, questions were asked like:

What are your challenges? In order to find efficiencies, what are you prepared to sacrifice? Posed not just to education but all Ministries? To influence this government it is to have the tax payers understand why Education is important. Your MLA is an avenue to get information to the treasury board. Need to look within and provide some solutions or answers to the Minister.
 - After Trina's introduction of this topic, the Zone Chair posed the following questions to Zone 2/3 to be discussed in small groups:
 1. What are we willing to sacrifice?
 2. What can we do or government do to look for efficiencies?
 3. Solutions?
 - Ideas shared during the discussion at Zone are being compiled and will be sent out to board reps separately.
 - **All were reminded they are encouraged to send in their ideas for generative discussions for future generative discussions.**

9. Board Sharing

This is an opportunity to share achievements, celebrations and challenges with other boards. Please provide our Secretary Kim Ayers a brief outline of your message for our minutes.

10. Professional Development Presentation – 1:00 PM

- A.** Purpose and Role of School Councils and the Role of Boards within that dynamic - Alberta School Councils' Association - **Attached**
 - Jacquie Hansen - Executive Director, ASCA, Wendy Keiver - Director of Client Services, ASCA

11. Zone Committee Reports:

- 11.1 **Advocacy Committee Report** – Michelle Lamer, Jackie Comeau, Carol DeMong - **Attached**

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- 11.2 **Edwin Parr Report** – Alice McLaughlin, Shelley Porter, Kim Armstrong – **Verbal Report**
- Small changes being made to the application package.
 - Dates have been set for interviews at Elk Island Public Division Office.
 - If you have guest speaker ideas please let Colleen know.
 - As of today still no Superintendent or Associate Superintendent for the committee. If you do not have a member on the committee please see if your Superintendent will be available.
- 11.3 **Labour Relations Report** – Mandi Skogen, Nancy Sand – **Verbal Report**
- Our committee had a meeting with previous committee. Share their expertise for the work of this committee.
 - We are advised not to meet with other bargaining units at this time.
- 11.4 **U of A Field Experiences Advisory Committee Report** – Glenys Edwards – **No report**
- 11.5 **Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC) Report** – Justine Wright - **None**
- 11.6 **Comprehensive School Health Report** – Irene Sawyer – **No report**
- Encouraging you if you are doing anything in your District with school/mental health please let Irene know.
- 11.7 **Zone Language Report** – Cheryl Dumont, Laura Thibert, Patricia Pedersen - **None**
- 11.8 **First Nation Metis Inuit Task Force committee on Education and Wellbeing** –Darrell Ghostkeeper - **Attached**

12. Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Crockett (*Greater St. Albert Catholic*) motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM

Carried

Next Meeting **General Meeting**
February 24, 2017
St. Anthony Centre
9:30 a.m.



Zone Chair's Report – Feb 2017

Call for Proposed Policy submissions:

The following is a brief outline of the process and deadline for bringing Proposed ASBA Policies to Zone for vetting prior to the May 26th ASBA deadline. If you have any questions call or email me.

February:

We will make the first call for Proposed Policies at the Feb 24th meeting. We will also review the criteria for a good proposed policy.

The deadline for submission to Zone 2/3 Executive Committee is ten days prior to our April meeting. This year that is **April 18th**. This gives us a chance to get the proposed policies out to all Boards with the April agenda. I will ask at this meeting if there are new Board Reps that want training on how to create a Proposed policy.

March:

There will be a reminder given at the March 24th meeting and a suggestion that Boards who are like-minded work together on a proposed policy and a reminder that Heather Tkachuk is available to help. Also if there is enough interest we will offer training on how to build a proposed policy starting at 8 am of the March 24th meeting.

April:

Zone Reps will have an opportunity to review and discuss the submitted proposed policies at the April 28th Zone meeting.

Boards then have an opportunity to make changes to their proposed policy given the feedback they received (if they wish to do so).

May:

We will review the criteria for an ASBA policy and then vote to see which ones should go forward to ASBA for review by the PEDAC Committee and possibly to the floor of the FGM.

The accepted policies will be sent that afternoon to ASBA as required.

Visit to Zone One:

Colleen and I visited the Zone One meeting in Grande Prairie on January 25th. We were warmly welcomed and learned much about the difficulties of Districts in large remote areas of our province. We learned how their Committees are structured and that District Administrators attend their Zone meetings. They have a full Zone meeting every second month and a Zone Executive Committee meeting in the alternating months. I thrilled to help our Zone One Language Rep Bryan Imray make the Zone Language presentation. We also participated in a Leadership activity.

Next Zone Chairs' meetings: March 23rd (tentative) and May 11th

Please let me know if you have thoughts on these potential agenda items

- _Zone bylaws and role descriptions
- _Task Forces, Committees (Terms of Reference)
- _Advocacy and influence at the zone level
- _Orienting new trustees
- _Code of Conduct (LAEA and Ed Act)

Indigenous Shining Student Award: Deadline is February 28th, 2017.

Edwin Parr: This is the second call for your District's Edwin Parr nominees. Deadline for submissions is March 17th, 2017. The format as last year is electronic. Reminder that the photos of the nominees should be high quality, recent photos – we suggest this year's school photo.

Zone Work Plan:

The work plan is available on request; contact our Secretary Kim Ayers asbazone23@outlook.com.

Generative Discussion for February: The value of locally elected School Trustees. The Advocacy Committee is leading this discussion. There will be an introduction to the topic, a short video and some reading material about trusteeship. Table discussions will be around three areas:

- a) what is the role of locally elected trustees and
- b) how this information is passed to members of our communities.
- c) what are District plans to interest their community re the October 2017 Trustee election?

Next month's Generative Discussion:

Looking for your ideas. We have a good list of ideas for future discussions but would welcome more – please share your thoughts with Colleen Holowaychuk or myself.

Advocacy: Advocacy efforts are the responsibility of all Board Reps. This years committee consists of **Michelle Lamer, Carol DeMong and Jackie Comeau.** The new Advocacy topics are Wrap Around Services and Role of a locally elected Trustee. Your Advocacy Committee has met for two conference calls. A request for information regarding Wrap Around Services in your District was sent January 17th with an **extended due date for replies of February 15th.** Plans are underway for an MLA event. There will be a committee report at this February meeting.

Professional Development:

Thank you for the professional development ideas shared at the last two meetings. If during the year you have an idea for a presentation please give it to a Zone executive committee member.

Sue Huff (former Trustee with Edmonton Public) is heading an organization that deals with eating disorders. She has developed a presentation that is informative and thought provoking. Teachers often suspect their students are suffering from eating disorders yet may have little information on how to deal with this important subject. Sue will join us for our March meeting. The affects of pornography on our students is also felt in our schools. Trustee Shelley Porter and I will present some facts in regards to consideration for PD in this area.

Zone Ad hoc Committees:

Both Ad hoc committees have now met once with second meetings/conference calls booked. The **Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee** members are Jean Boisvert, Lorna Misselbrook and Dorcas Kilduff. The **Edwin Parr Ad Hoc** members are Johnette Lemke, Joan Crockett and Jennifer Tuininga. Your Chair and Vice Chair will also be part of the Ad Hoc Committee work. We expect to have recommendations brought to the Zone in the spring of 2017.

Zone Facebook Group Page: 83 members. Kim Ayers our Secretary monitors this page.

Zone Awards: See Zone 2/3 Bylaws Roles and Responsibilities handbook for complete details.

Friends of Zone 2/3 Award – Must be from within Zone 2/3 geographic area and has made significant contribution to public education and student learning, Nomination is made through a Board motion. One nomination per Board per year. Deadline for submission is April 30th annually.

ASBA Zone Appreciation Award – Recognizes individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to their Zone. It is open to Trustees, Superintendents (all levels) and Secretary Treasurers. It is presented to those who have displayed exemplary service to trusteeship at the Zone level. Candidates must be nominated by three Trustees and submitted to the Zone Chair for consideration. Only one Zone Appreciation Award conferred in one year. **June 16th, 2017** submission deadline.

Recommended Reading: You are encouraged to bring books to our meetings to loan to others.

BOOKS:	AUTHOR:	RECOMMENDED by:
The Imperfect Board Member	Jim Brown	Carol Demong
Trusted A Leader's Lesson	Lea Brovedani	Rod Solholt
Grit	Angela Duckworth	Cheryl Dumont
Most Likely to Succeed	Tony Wagner & Ted Dintersmith	Vicky Lefebvre
The End of Average	Todd Rose	Barry Wowk
The Distracted Mind: Ancient Brains in a High-Tech World	Larry D Rosen	Dr. Phil McRae
Inconvenient Indian	Thomas King	Bernie Huedepohl
Creating Magic: 10 Common Sense Leadership Strategies from a Life at Disney	Lee Cockerill	Jennifer Tuininga
Dear Canada These Are My Words	Residential School Diary of Violet Pesheens	Shirley Caputo
Wenjack	Joseph Boyden	Shirley Caputo

LINKS:	
Beyond the Gender Binary: Understanding Transgender Youth, Dr. Margaret Nichols, TEDx	http://bit.ly/1Hg84SF
Should your kids learn to code? Gaby Hinsliff	http://gu.com/p/4em53/sbl
Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers	http://empoweringthespirit.ca/cultural-awareness/seven-grandfathers-teachings/

February Professional Development/Activities

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Taskforce Update – Brian Callaghan and Darrell Ghostkeeper and guests.

March Professional Development/Activities

Mental Health theme – Eating Disorders – Sue Huff and possibly others

April Professional Development/Activities

Proposed Policies discussions

May Professional Development/Activities

Proposed Policies will be voted on. No PD at this meeting.

June Professional Development/Activities

Proposed celebration of Zone Committees.

Review of the past year at Zone.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:

Date	Event
Mar 5-7, 2017	Alberta Rural Education Symposium
Mar 24, 2017	Zone 2/3 meeting St Anthony Centre – 9:30 am start
Mar 25-27, 2017	NSBA Annual Conference – Denver, Co. USA
Aril 28, 2017	Zone 2/3 meeting St Anthony Centre – 9:30 am start
Apr 26-28, 2017	First Nations, Metis & Inuit CASS Sponsored Gathering (Symposium) Keynotes – Canadians for a New Partnership (Honourable Joe Clark and Honorable Paul Martin).
Apr 28-30, 2017	ASCA Conference & Annual General Meeting Delta Edmonton South. Chief Littlechild is the keynote
May 26, 2017 Noon start time	Zone 2/3 meeting St Anthony Centre. NOTE the 12 noon start time (no lunch provided)
May 26 th – 6 pm	Edwin Parr Banquet Executive Royal Inn West.
Jul 5-8, 2017	CSBA Annual Congress – Whistler BC including National Gathering for Trustees on Aboriginal Education. Deadline for Registration is Fri Jun 23, 2017 at 4:00pm

Respectively Submitted: Cheryl Dumont (780) 293-7328

ASBA Zone 2/3
Balance Sheet
As of February 9, 2017

	<u>Feb 9, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
ASBA Zone 23	75,602.82
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>75,602.82</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	7,479.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>7,479.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>83,081.82</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>83,081.82</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	4,861.60
Total Accounts Payable	<u>4,861.60</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,861.60</u>
Total Liabilities	4,861.60
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	37,165.84
Net Income	41,054.38
Total Equity	<u>78,220.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>83,081.82</u>

ASBA Zone 2/3
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 September 1, 2016 through February 9, 2017

	Sep 1, '16 - Feb 9, 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Membership Fees	55,761.00	55,761.00	0.00
Recoveries - Meals			
Edwin Parr Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00
Labour Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00
MLA Presentation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recoveries - Meals - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Recoveries - Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	55,761.00	55,761.00	0.00
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total COGS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit	55,761.00	55,761.00	0.00
Expense			
Committee Work			
Ad-Hoc Committees			
Committee Expenses	0.00	691.43	-691.43
Per diem	0.00	1,222.86	-1,222.86
Ad-Hoc Committees - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Ad-Hoc Committees	0.00	1,914.29	-1,914.29
Advocacy Committee			
Committee Expenses	35.15	1,064.29	-1,029.14
MLA Presentation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Per Diem	40.00	2,128.57	-2,088.57
Presentation and Media Expenses	0.00	532.14	-532.14
Advocacy Committee - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Advocacy Committee	75.15	3,725.00	-3,649.85
Comprehensive School Health Rep			
Committee Expenses	31.80	160.00	-128.20
Per Diem	80.00	160.00	-80.00
Comprehensive School Health Rep - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Comprehensive School Health Rep	111.80	320.00	-208.20
Edwin Parr Committee			
Awards Dinner	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Committee Expenses	0.00	1,958.93	-1,958.93
Per Diem	0.00	1,958.93	-1,958.93
Edwin Parr Committee - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Edwin Parr Committee	0.00	4,917.86	-4,917.86
Executive Committee			
Chair Allowance	768.56	851.43	-82.87
Expenses	2,276.82	2,554.29	-277.47
Per Diem	5,817.36	5,099.72	717.64
Vice Chair Allowance	254.07	271.39	-17.32
Executive Committee - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Executive Committee	9,116.81	8,776.83	339.98
Labour Relations Representative			
Labour Relation expenses	0.00	393.04	-393.04
Per Diem	0.00	264.29	-264.29
Speaker Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Labour Relations Representative - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Labour Relations Representative	0.00	657.33	-657.33
Zone Language Rep			
Committee Expenses	35.15	464.29	-429.14
Per diem	40.00	0.00	40.00
Zone Language Rep - Other	0.00	464.29	-464.29
Total Zone Language Rep	75.15	928.58	-853.43
Committee Work - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Committee Work	9,378.91	21,239.89	-11,860.98

ASBA Zone 2/3
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 September 1, 2016 through February 9, 2017

	Sep 1, '16 - Feb 9, 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Contract Services			
Accounting and Audit Fees	-172.34	0.00	-172.34
Guest Speakers	180.00	266.07	-86.07
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Contract Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Coordinator	0.00	225.00	-225.00
Secretary Services	2,425.45	2,128.57	296.88
Contract Services - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Contract Services	2,433.11	2,619.64	-186.53
Facilities and Equipment			
Equip Rental and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent, Parking, Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Facilities and Equipment - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Facilities and Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operations			
Bank Charges	19.73	44.37	-24.64
Meeting Expenses	2,587.58	5,321.43	-2,733.85
Postage and Courier	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing and Copying	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	287.29	0.00	287.29
Telecommunications	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operations - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Operations	2,894.60	5,365.80	-2,471.20
Other Types of Expenses			
ASBA Leadership Academy	0.00	0.00	0.00
CSBA Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zone Appreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Types of Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	14,706.62	29,225.33	-14,518.71
Net Income	41,054.38	26,535.67	14,518.71

ASBA Board of Directors Meeting

This synopsis is provided to assist ASBA Directors in reporting to their respective constituencies following a Board of Directors meeting. Minutes of meetings will be available and posted on the ASBA website at www.asba.ab.ca following their approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Key areas of discussion

Strategic Plan and ASBA: *Envisioning Our Future* update

- The Board of Directors held its annual strategic planning session January 11-13, 2017. Discussions on both the foundational statements and strategic plan were informed by feedback received from school boards at SGM 2016, FGM 2016, World Café conversations at Zones as well as school board submissions which reflected on the current strategic plan.
- Draft foundational statements and strategic priorities were presented to the Board, which confirmed the session outcomes were reflected. The final strategic plan, which includes the foundational statements, strategic priorities and key results will be presented for review and approval by the Board at the March meeting.

Spring General Meeting 2017

- The Board provided input regarding the Spring General Meeting (SGM) to be held June 4-6, 2017 at the Red Deer Sheraton. Information regarding the schedule of events and registration is forthcoming.
- Feedback received from the membership following the Fall General Meeting 2016 was considered.
- March 20, 2017 is the deadline for Boards to submit proposed bylaw amendments which may be considered during the Business session at SGM. Please submit via e-mail to Heather Tkachuk: htkachuk@asba.ab.ca.

Bargaining Boot Camp closing report

- Full-day Bargaining Boot Camp sessions were held in Edmonton and Calgary respectively on January 18 and 19, 2017. Total number of attendees: 192 (Calgary: 76, Edmonton: 116) with 58 of 61 school boards represented.
- Feedback from the online evaluation survey regarding the quality of the boot camp and the information provided was very positive. Feedback relative to the value received for the \$315 registration fee suggests that additional costs incurred by participants to attend the event impact the perception of value. Consideration of criteria including location,

venue availability, adequate meeting space, and guest room and parking availability inform location selection. ASBA is committed to planning events with the total cost to participants in mind.

Provincial Budget 2017 consultation

- Pre-budget consultation meeting with Alberta Finance and Treasury Board and Finance Minister Joe Ceci and various education stakeholders was held on February 6, 2017. During the consultation meeting, stakeholders emphasized:
 - Spending public dollars on public education;
 - Managing the diversity of need in our province;
 - Respecting the autonomy of boards to make the best decisions for their community, allowing for flexibility by targeting funding as little as possible; and
 - Ensuring the budget reflects support for both the provincial and local elements of teacher bargaining outcomes.
- It was indicated that there is no intention to reduce per student funding levels, although general cautions regarding the revenue constrained environment in Alberta were reiterated.

Modernized Municipal Government Act (MMGA)

- A consultation meeting with then Minister of Municipal Affairs Larivee was held on January 11, 2017 regarding the proposed amendments to the MGA. The meeting was attended by President Helen Cleese, Vice President Mary Martin and Executive Director Suzanne Polkosnik. Key elements including joint use agreements, off-site levies and City Charters were discussed.
- ASBA provided a submission to the survey which closed on January 31, 2017, which was provided to school boards in ASBA President's Email to Board Chairs #71, circulated January 23, 2017.
- ASBA has reached out to the new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister Anderson as well as Minister Ceci who has been charged with responsibility for City Charters.

Reports

Education Partners' Task Force on First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student Success and Wellbeing

- The Board of Directors confirmed Julie Hrdlicka as the Zone 5 representative to the Task Force for the remainder of the 2016-2017 year.
- The deadline is fast approaching to apply for the Indigenous Shining Student Award. The award form is posted on the ASBA website at http://www.asba.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/FNMI_nom_2017_v3.pdf. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2017 and the Task Force is asking everyone to please share the information with their networks.
- The January 2017 meeting of the Task Force was postponed to March 24.

Student Health and Wellness Task Force

- Chair, Anne-Marie Boucher advised that a review of boards' current policies, administrative procedures, regulations and initiatives is being finalized. Once this work is complete, boards will be provided with examples and elements to create effective policies, procedures and regulations of their own.
- Anne-Marie opened a workshop during the Ever Active Schools pre-conference in January 2017 in Kananaskis. She highlighted the work of the Task Force on the policy review and the need for continued collaboration between the health and education sectors.
- An update on the Task Force Action Plan would be provided at a future Board of Directors meeting.

Zone Chairs and Vice-Chairs

- Chair, Mary Martin, advised the Edwin Parr Award nomination package was reviewed and refined at the last meeting on January 10, 2017. The nomination package is posted on the ASBA website at: http://www.asba.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/2017_edwin_parr-1.pdf
- Updates were provided by each Zone and a discussion regarding opportunities for on-going interaction with the Minister of Education, additional to his planned visits to all Boards occurred.

President/Vice President

- Helen Clease advised that she was stepping away permanently from her duties as President of ASBA to attend to her health effective February 21, 2017. This follows her health-related leave which commenced on January 23, 2017, which was approved by the Board as required in bylaw.
- Education Partners ASBA, ASCA, CASS and ASBOA held a meeting on January 19, 2017 and were joined by Alberta Education Deputy Minister Dr. Curtis Clarke and Minister Eggen's Chief of Staff, Jeremy Nolais.
- An invitation to meet with the Minister has been extended to discuss a variety of issues including the status of the Education Act.

Executive Director

- Teaching and Leadership Quality Standards: On January 12, 2017 ASBA wrote a letter to Education Minister David Eggen, supporting the Draft Quality Standards of July 4, 2016 as arrived at by consensus of the Teaching and Leadership Excellence Advisory Committee which include three standards. ASBA has been advised that these standards will be presented to the Special Policy Committee of Government before going to Cabinet.
- *Child and Youth Advocate Act* (CYAA) review: On January 17, 2017 ASBA made a presentation to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on the Review of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*. That

presentation was informed by ASBA's submission on the *CYAA* to the Standing Committee in October, 2016. The submission is posted on the ASBA website at: http://www.asba.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/child_youth_act.pdf

- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's National Education Roundtable held in Calgary from January 24-26 and was well attended by a wide range of education stakeholders from across the country. Best practices and various initiatives were shared, including the Joint Call to Action Committee in Alberta.
- Conversations with Alberta Education are underway to explore opportunities for ASBA and the department to work collaboratively to support boards in upcoming local bargaining.
- To ensure the Association is positioned to achieve its goals and objectives, work on the strategic plan and budget preparation is underway, as is an examination of the organizational structure and staff complement to address the high vacancy rate and work load.

Appointments

- Supplemental Integrated Pension Plan (SiPP) board: JoAnn Cazakoff, of Grande Prairie Public School District, was appointed for a term ending December 31, 2017.
- Alberta School Boards Insurance Exchange (ASBIE) board: Joan Crockett of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools was appointed for a term ending December 31, 2017.
- Alberta School Employee Benefits Plan (ASEBP) board: Heather Tkachuk of ASBA was appointed as the ASBA staff representative for a three year term commencing March 1, 2017.
- A preferential order of potential candidates was established to enable the Executive Director to secure the Association's parliamentarian for the ASBA Spring General Meeting 2017.

Board of Directors composition

Changes to the Board of Directors since December 2016:

- President
 - Helen Clease will step away permanently from her duties as President of ASBA to attend to her health effective February 21, 2017.
 - Effective February 21, 2017, Mary Martin will become ASBA President until the Fall General Meeting 2017.
- Vice-President
 - At the March 2017 Board of Directors meeting, the Board will appoint, from among its members, a Vice-President who will serve until Spring General Meeting 2017, when a by-election will be held to select the Vice-President until the Fall General Meeting 2017. At the Fall General Meeting 2017, regularly-scheduled elections for both the President and Vice-President will be held.
- Zone 1
 - Tammy Henkel was elected as the new Zone 1 Director following former Director Nan Bartlett's resignation to assume a new role as a member of the Board of Governors for Grande Prairie Regional College.

Upcoming events & key dates

- Deadline for submission of proposed bylaw amendments which may be considered during the Business session at SGM: March 20, 2017. Please submit via e-mail to Heather Tkachuk: htkachuk@asba.ab.ca
- ASBA Spring General Meeting: June 4-6, 2017, Sheraton, Red Deer
- 2017 School Board Trustee Elections: Monday, October 16, 2017
- ASBA Fall General Meeting: November 19-21, 2017, Westin Hotel, Edmonton