

Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5

MINUTES

Friday April 6, 2018

In Attendance:

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| Jennifer Mertz | Golden Hills School Division |
| Mary Martin | ASBA |
| Ron Schreiber | Christ the Redeemer |
| Fiona Gilbert | Rocky View Schools |
| Jenn Kristiansen | Foothills School Division |
| Jennifer Mertz | Golden Hills School Division |
| Rob Pirie | Golden Hills School Division |
| Marsha Tkach | Prairie Land Regional |
| Gwen Hampton | Prairie Land Regional |
| Shali Baziuk | Rocky View Schools |
| Myra D'Souza | RCSSD |
| Arlene Rheaume | Canadian Rockies Public Schools |
| Ron Taylor | Alberta Education |
| Adelee Penner | Alberta Education |
| Lisa Wine | Recording Secretary |

Absent:

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| Julie Hrdlicka | CBE |
| Paul Bourassa | Conseil FrancoSud |
| Joanne Van Donzel | Christ the Redeemer |

Call to Order:

Jenn Kristiansen called the meeting to order at 12:36pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Shali Baziuk motioned that the Agenda for the April 6, 2018 meeting be approved with changes to the order.

Carried

Approval of the Minutes:

Arlene Rheaume motioned that the Minutes of the March 2, 2018 meeting be approved.

Carried

Action Items from the Minutes:

None

REPORTS

ASBA Zone Director's Report - Marsha Tkach

- Written synopsis was emailed and is included with these minutes.
- Proposed ASBA Budget and Bylaw bulletin was emailed to Zone 5 by Chair, Fiona Gilbert.

ASBA President – Mary Martin

- Mary provided a verbal report of ongoing work within ASBA. Written report attached to these minutes.
- Live Webinar with a presentation on the proposed Budget and Bylaw bulletin, question and answer period and will be recorded for future reference. Date to be advised. This will be an alternative to in-person presentations however should a zone request, they are happy and available to attend a zone meeting.

Alberta Education Report – Ron Taylor, Adelee Penner

- Ron Taylor provided a verbal report of ongoing work within Alberta Education. Also please find attached a file that helps to explain the amendments to the School Act.
- Alberta Education is engaging stakeholders in discussions about improving the current planning and reporting practices. As yet there has been no change in the due date, November 30, 2018, for sending their 2018/2021 Three-Year Education Plan and the 2017/18 Annual Education Results reports to the Director, South Services. Trustees should be aware of this deadline and plan accordingly.
- An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances has amended the School Act effective December 2017. Boards are amending their policies/administrative procedures/regulations to comply with these changes to the School Act. The amendments came into force on April 1, 2018, and school authorities are required to have policies that meet the legislated requirements and post their policies in a prominent location on a publicly accessible website by June 30, 2018. Alberta Education is providing support to school authorities. Here is a link to a tool to assist school authorities in amending their policies - <https://education.alberta.ca/safe-and-caring-schools/safe-and-caring-schools/everyone/tools-and-resources/?searchMode=3>.
- The Minister deferred changes to the School Transportation Regulation until the 2019/20 school year. Alberta Education has held stakeholder engagements and plans further efforts to engage parents and stakeholders directly. Stakeholders have advised the Minister to consider a regulation that responds to the different needs of metro, urban, and rural student transportation. Education hopes to have the consultations completed by June 2018 and tentatively finalize the regulation in fall 2018 to give school boards time to work with the communities preparing for implementation.
- Question - is there a date by which Alberta Education will make a decision concerning the 45 CEU cap? When will there be a decision? There is no timeline around a decision.

Networking - Shali Baziuk, Arlene Rheaume

- Shali reached out to the Southern Alberta Pioneers Building to confirm the date has been reserved. They require \$1000 deposit with the rental agreement. July 5, 2018

Edwin Parr – Jenn Kristiansen, Rob Pirie, Shali Baziuk, Mark Chung (alternate)

- Eventbrite invitations have been emailed. Please share the invitations with your superintendents. Please email Jenn Kristiansen your superintendent's email address as well.
- Interviews are being held April 27th and April 30th at Rocky View Schools Education Centre.
- Bells were ordered for last year and this year. This will result in an overspend for this year's budget.
- Committee will be meeting to prepare an Edwin Parr handbook.

Field Experiences Policy Advisory – Joanne Van Donzel

- Ron Schreiber attended the March 19th meeting on behalf of Joanne Van Donzel. A written report was provided and is included with these minutes.

Calgary Regional Consortium – Ron Schreiber

- Nothing to report. There is an upcoming meeting at the end of May.

Health Promoting School Collaborative – Ron Schreiber

- A written report of the meeting minutes were provided and are included with these minutes.

Second Language Caucus – Myra D'Souza

- Conference call meeting.

Ad Hoc Professional Learning

Discussion was had in the morning session today.

Ad Hoc Budget

Nothing to report

Review of Proposed Policy Positions for FGM – Policy Position

- Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools submitted proposal for consideration on the topic of increased support for ELL students. Copy attached to these minutes.
- We will vote on the proposed policy position at our May meeting.

Review of Proposed Emergent Policy Positions for SGM – nothing has been submitted

ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin

- Has been sent to all Board Chairs. Please review with your Board and participate in the ASBA Budget Webinar later in April (date TBD)
- Two bylaw changes have been recommended, both the do with Zones
- Further discussion deferred to May meeting.

Chair Report:

Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

None

No In-Camera

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:39

Future Meeting Dates

May 4, 2018 (Antelope Room), June 1, 2018

Important Dates:

Edwin Parr May 24, 2018; ASBA SGM June 4-5, July 5, 2018 Networking Event, Aug 24-25 ASBA Summer Leadership Conference