

**Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5**  
**MINUTES**  
**Friday February 2, 2018**

**In Attendance:**

Jennifer Mertz	Golden Hills School Division
Laurie Huntley	Golden Hills School Division
Mary Martin	ASBA
Ron Schreiber	Christ the Redeemer
Joanne Van Donzel	Christ the Redeemer
Gwen Hampton	Prairie Land Regional
Fiona Gilbert	Rocky View Schools
Julie Hrdlicka	CBE
Jenn Kristiansen	Foothills School Division
Marsha Tkach	Prairie Land Regional
Arlene Rheaume	Canadian Rockies Public Schools
Shali Baziuk	Rocky View Schools
Myra D’Souza	RCSSD
Lisa Wine	Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

Paul Bourassa	Conseil FrancoSud
Rob Pirie	Golden Hills School Division

**Call to Order:**

Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**Introductions:**

Fiona Gilbert conducted introductions with the meeting attendees.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Joanne Van Donzel motioned that the Agenda for the February 2, 2018 meeting be approved.

Carried

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Gwen Hampton motioned that the Minutes of the January 5, 2018 meeting be approved.

Carried

**Action Items from the Minutes:**

- Fiona has confirmed space at Rockyview Education Centre for the first Friday; September-June (if required) 2018/2019.

### **Call for Nominations and Election of Vice Chair**

Shali Baziuk nominated Jenn Kristiansen; accepted.

Jennifer Mertz nominated Myra D'Souza; accepted.

Elections were held. Ballots were collected and counted by Chair Fiona Gilbert and Jenn Kristiansen has been elected as Vice Chair.

### **Chair Report:**

- Budget Review.
- Rockyview has requested Zone 5 find a new "Banker Board" as of September 1, 2018. Boards are asked to reach out to their boards. We need to have a commitment by May 2018 board meeting.
- Edwin Parr nomination packages are on the ASBA website. Nominations need to be submitted by March 16, 2018.
- Review of February 1, 2018 meeting with the Minister. There was a good tone at the meeting but it was short and sweet. Ron Taylor advised that the transportation consultation in September was to assist Bill 28. Request to Ron that the boards are provided with the regulations before the media. Julie asked if Zone 5 could submit a follow up letter reviewing the meeting and requesting the information to come to boards first. Thank you to all board reps for attending this meeting. Hopefully the minister is open to meeting again.

### **Correspondence:**

President's email. Should be sent to board chairs so if you are not getting the information please ask Fiona and she will forward.

### **Discussion Items:**

- ASBA Winter Leadership Academy feedback. Summer Academy is upcoming.
- Review of ASBA Budget and Bylaw Processes. Bylaw amendments need to be submitted to ASBA by March. Please bring any requests to Zone 5 March board meeting. Budget will be presented to Zone 5 at either April or May board meeting, Fiona to get confirmation. Will Zone 5 have an opportunity to discuss the budget and provide input? Who is giving the budget presentation so that the right person is here to provide the answers? We would like to request someone from ASBA to attend the presentation.
- Zone 5 would like to request ASBA provide a guideline of the budget to allow for feedback prior to the presentation. Hoping to avoid the questions and conversations on the floor at SGM.
- Policy positions to be brought forward to the SGM. We need to discuss these at our March board meeting. Please review the policy positions on the ASBA website.
- Myra suggested using her Calgary Catholic school board offices for monthly meetings or any ad hoc meeting. Would need to be discussed at May executive meeting.

### **Break 10:44 – 10:55**

- Professional Learning Ad Hoc Committee. Jennifer Mertz provided information about Impact 8 who puts together packages that will be suited for our board and our meetings to provide direction. A three hour free introductory session is provided so they can prove to us what they can do for non-profit. Noone was opposed to this session and Fiona will attempt to book it for our March board meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **ASBA Zone Director's Report** - Marsha Tkach

- Board of Director's has not met since December. Marsha will defer the report to Mary Martin.

### **ASBA President** – Mary Martin

- Mary provided a written and verbal report of ongoing work within ASBA. Written report attached to these minutes.

### **Alberta Education Report** – Ron Taylor

- Ron Taylor advised "In The Loop" is available on Alberta Education's website. Please review. There is no option at this time to subscribe to this publication. It was brought up again that boards reps would like more of a formal report with specifics to provide to their boards.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> the legislature will be sitting for the spring session. The department is not looking at a heavy agenda for legislative bills. There was a cabinet retreat last week so a lot of discussions taking place.

### **Networking** - Shali Baziuk, Arlene Rheaume

Nothing to report.

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

- Committee met. They will be creating a handbook for future events.
- Nominations are on line and are due back March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to mention this to your schools for nominations.
- Save the Date will be sent out for the banquet date May 24, 2018.
- Bells have been ordered for last year's nominees.

### **Field Experiences Policy Advisory** – Joanne Van Donzel

- Meeting February 8, 2018. Is there anything for Joanne to bring forward?
- Joanne is investigating if there are advisory councils at the other 3 Universities in our zone that offer teaching degrees.

### **Calgary Regional Consortium** – Ron Schreiber

Meeting Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Health Promoting School Collaborative** – Ron Schreiber

The Health Promoting Schools Collaborative (HPSC) meeting was held in Calgary on Jan. 15; that meeting consisted of presentations by 6 school boards and another by AHS on various programs under the theme of comprehensive school health with a focus on social-emotional learning;

the presentations included:

Palliser School Division focused on their Student Leadership Program (conferences, sessions, videos, student leadership, inclusivity is a key component, senior students lead an elementary conference),

Calgary Catholic presented on their “Paths” initiative (providing alternate thinking strategies in pre-K to gr6, teachers select the needed competencies such as self-regulation, social awareness, empathy), often a component of the religion class

and “the 4<sup>th</sup> R” program (R=relationship, which includes a sexuality (Family Health) component, approved by CCCB, lots of interactive resources which the students find very appealing),

Golden Hills highlighted their “the Mind-up Curriculum” (brain-focused strategies for learning and living are taught, “know your own brain” is a key point, it is about intentional mindful action as well, includes yoga),

CTR Catholic presented on the “Connections” program that deals with at-risk students through the intervention of FSLW’s and Connections Workers; the key to the success of this program is the building of strong relationships with these youth; as well, the assistance of their parents in bringing this about is extremely valuable,

Foothills School Division focused on their Comprehensive School Health initiative where the program is unique for each school and aligned with the strategic plans for that school, includes follow-up processes to ensure success at the school,

Calgary Board of Education highlighted their Comprehensive School Health approach and their use of RTI (response to intervention) where individual solutions are developed for every situation, it includes the use of IRIS which is the process through which a deep understanding of student needs is developed,

and AHS presented on their Mental Health Capacity Building Initiative, a long-standing joint initiative of AHS and school divisions occurring in 85 communities including 182 traditional schools and 75 outreach schools, consists of specific responses to situations using an evidence-based approach, also includes data collection and dissemination, TRENDS THAT THEY ARE SEEING IN MENTAL HEALTH= #1 anxiety, #2 stress, #3 grief and loss, #4 body image, #5 self-esteem, #6 family separation, and #7 food security.

### **Second Language Caucus** – Myra D’Souza

- Four of the 5 Zones have appointed representatives to our Zones Languages Committee.
- The committee is now ready to move forward for this term and will soon be meeting via our first conference call.
- We will be reviewing our mandate and setting our message priorities for this year.
- We will have a Zone presentation for the February or March meetings at Zone
- We expect to present to parents at this years ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) conference in Edmonton in April
- We are considering the information that we will present to Trustees at our June SGM.

**Ad Hoc Professional Learning**

Presented earlier in the meeting within Discussion Items.

**Ad Hoc Budget**

Committee has met. What is the budget supporting? What is the vision; expenses, professional development? Would like to wait for the Professional Learning session to be able to move forward. Budget presentation was provided and attached to these minutes. Some decisions will need to be made about either reducing expenses or increasing fees for thinking long term.

**No In-Camera****Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:19 with an invitation to stay for a networking lunch.

**Future Meeting Dates**

March 2, 2018, April 6, 2018, May 4, 2018 (Antelope Room).

**Important Dates:**

Edwin Parr May 24, 2018; July 5, 2018 Networking Event