

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

**In Attendance:**

Jennifer Mertz	Golden Hills School Division
Mary Martin	ASBA
Ron Schreiber	Christ the Redeemer
Joanne Van Donzel	Christ the Redeemer
Fiona Gilbert	Rocky View Schools
Jenn Kristiansen	Foothills School Division
Paul Bourassa	Conseil FrancoSud
Rob Pirie	Golden Hills School Division
Marsha Tkach	Prairie Land Regional
Shali Baziuk	Rocky View Schools
Myra D’Souza	RCSSD
Arlene Rheaume	Canadian Rockies Public Schools
Julie Hrdlicka	CBE
Marilyn Dennis	CBE
Leta Youck-McGowan	Alberta Education
Lisa Wine	Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

Gwen Hampton	Prairie Land Regional
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**Call to Order:**

Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

**Introductions:**

Introductions were done during our presentation.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

Carried

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Rob Pirie motioned that the Minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting be approved.

Carried

**Action Items from the Minutes:**

None

### **Chair Report:**

- Teleconference zone chair meeting. Discussion around policy and processes.
- With Jenn Kristiansen as our Vice Chair she can no longer sit as alternate director. We will need to elect a new alternate director.

### **Correspondence:**

- Superintendent salary review.
- Email from ASBA President re: Legal Services

## **REPORTS**

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

- Marsha will defer the report to Mary Martin.
- She is open to hearing concerns from Boards and if there are questions, please do not hesitate to contact her.

### **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** – Leta Youck-McGowan

- There is a new structure to Field Services that is focused on serving the field and enhancing collaboration. The new branches include:
  - North Services Branch, home branch of the Francophone Field Services team
  - Central Services Branch
  - South Services Branch
  - First Nations, Métis and Inuit Services Branch
  - Education Technology Leadership Branch
- Staff and secondment positions will be posted for the South Services Branch.
- There will be continuing engagement for the development of the School Transportation Regulation for implementation in 2019/20.
- Conversations are occurring to address concerns raised about communication ie. "In the Loop."

- Thank you to all the jurisdictions participating in the field testing for the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP). Participation is voluntary and helps to develop valid and reliable assessment instruments.
- Thank you to all those who participated in the Assurance in K-12 Education engagement session on February 13, 2018.
- A reminder of the Rural Education Symposium March 4-6, 2018.
- Julie asked for an update on Curriculum.

**Networking** - Shali Baziuk, Arlene Rheaume

Nothing to report.

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

- Save the Date has been distributed for May 24, 2018. Please ensure all superintendents receive a copy.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for nominations.
- Bells from last year's nominees are ready for distribution. Trustees please ensure that the recipient receives their bell delivered in person.

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

Nothing to report

**Calgary Regional Consortium** – Ron Schreiber

Ron provided a written report as follows:

- Calgary Regional Consortium – meeting held Monday, February 26; items of interest included: - a reminder that CRC curriculum implementation dollars must be spent in priority areas as identified in the Alberta Education business plan (hence the importance for Boards to be involved as much as possible in the lead-up to the business plan formulation!); for sessions not seen as reflecting this priority, it is important to know that they are undertaken on a cost-recovery basis – this does cause some misunderstandings at times; it is all a priority that these sessions are unique to the situation involved with an example being that in a spread-out Division such as Prairie Land, it is often best to use e-learning or Smarttalk Collaborative technologies to deliver the sessions; their Designers of Professional Learning have been very busy delivering 142 sessions for 4,032 participants up to December 31
- -CRC has a big presence at both the Calgary and Palliser conventions setting up a welcome booth and delivering multiple sessions; their presence there often brings about numerous request for further service as awareness of who they are and what they can do, is increased
- -regarding Curriculum Development in the province, the expectation is that the 6 subject areas of K-4 curriculum will be ready for validation engagements in the spring; implementation would follow this but no dates or framework have been set; the resource framework for new curriculum is still very early in process; there is a bit of a battle going on as the ATA would like total control of all professional learning related to this; however, Alberta Education still sees a role for the provincial consortia in this; curriculum development will continue throughout the

election process; assessment is a big concern as it includes a transformation to assess big picture understanding from content understanding

- -in partnership with Corwin Publishing, CRC is presenting a conference on Visible Learning with keynotes John Hattie and Ainsley Rose on August 23/24 in Calgary
- -CRC is presenting an FNMI Think Indigenous – Culture Camp at Blackfoot Crossing at Siksika on May 31/June 1 to increase awareness and build foundational knowledge about Treaty 6,7, and 8 Indigenous people as well as create a strong connection to Metis and Inuit perspectives in Alberta; this event is open to all, including trustees

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

Ron provided a written report as follows:

- Health Promoting Schools Collaborative Report – next meeting Monday, March 5; one item of interest to report following a reminder from ASBA of a new website with information pertaining to this, being set up by AHS <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page7124.aspx> -this is a comprehensive school health website to support development and implementation of healthy school policy with topics including healthy eating, physical activity, guidelines for best practices, etc.

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

Myra submitted a written report as follows:

- The Committee had a long and productive meeting and are in the process of making plans on engagement. The committee would like to make presentations at the zone meetings.

#### **Ad Hoc Professional Learning**

Open discussion about the value of the Impact 8 presentation. How will the Zone be proceeding? Reviewing the Handbook and bylaws first with the possibility of bringing Bill back to help navigate the direction at that point.

#### **Ad Hoc Budget**

Nothing to report

#### **No In-Camera**

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

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

#### **Important Dates:**

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