

**Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5  
MINUTES  
Friday November 3, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

Mary Martin	ASBA
Marsha Tkach	Prairie Land Regional
Jeannine Tucker	Foothills School Division
Jenn Kristiansen	Foothills School Division
Paul Bourassa	Conseil Franco Sud
Ron Schreiber	Christ the Redeemer
Arlene Rheaume	Canadian Rockies
Gwen Hampton	Prairie Land Regional
Myra D’Souza	RCSSD
Fiona Gilbert	Rocky View Schools
Shali Baziuk	Rocky View Schools
Leta Youck-McGowan	Alberta Education
Rob Pirie	Golden Hills School Division
Jennifer Mertz	Golden Hills School Division
Laurie Huntley	Golden Hills School Division
Lisa Wine	Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

Julie Hrdlicka	CBE
Joanne Van Donzel	Christ the Redeemer

**Call to Order:**

Jeannine Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

**Introductions:**

Jeannine Tucker conducted introductions with the meeting attendees.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Arlene Rheaume motioned that the Agenda for the November 3, 2017 meeting be approved.

Carried

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Marsha Tkach motioned that the Minutes of the October 6, 2017 meeting be approved.

Carried

**Action Items from the Minutes:**

None

**Correspondence:**

None

**Chair Report:**

FGM November 19-21 in Edmonton. New Trustee Orientation Day November 22.

**REPORTS**

**ASBA Zone Director's Report** - Vacant

Nothing to report

**ASBA President** – Mary Martin

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

**ASBA Executive or Staff** –Suzanne Polkosnik

N/A

**Alberta Education Report** – Leta Youck-McGowan, Education Manager

Current *School Act* is August 4, 2017 – Legislation that guides the work done in schools. Amendments have been and may occur in the future to the *School*

Act. <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/s03.pdf>

**Bill 202:** Protecting Victims of Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images Act.

It amended two areas of the *School Act*:

1. Update the definition of bullying to include distribution of an intimate image of another person without consent.
2. Amend the Student Discipline section of the School Act to include distribution of an intimate image without consent as possible grounds for suspension or expulsion.

School boards may wish to review their existing anti-bullying policies to ensure that these changes are reflected.

- **Proposed Bill 24: An Act to Support Gay Straight Alliances**

1. The bill clarifies requirements of school authorities with respect to Gay Straight Alliances and contains provisions to ensure students are protected in a safe and caring environment.
2. The bill will now work its way through the political process in the legislature, after which time it may become law.

If you have questions or comments I encourage you to send these questions to [safecaring@gov.ab.ca](mailto:safecaring@gov.ab.ca), and the Ministry of Education will work to answer your questions.

- **School Act Engagement Sessions**

1. Alberta Education hosted a series of engagement sessions across the province in September. Through discussions with key stakeholders, these sessions allowed the government to gather feedback on potential amendments, and to better understand and address issues at a local level across the province.

2. The engagement included a series of topics, including items related to: access to education; age of entry; and education service agreements between First Nations and school authorities.

3. In addition, discussions revolving around the government's actions to reduce school fees—including matters related to school transportation—along with the department's business planning process, and joint-use planning agreements occurred.

4. After thorough review, the government has decided to consider amendments to the *School Act* at this time. The nature of any amendments is still being determined.

Other documents/websites Trustees may wish to review for background information include:

- Guide to Education 2017/18 edition <https://education.alberta.ca/guide-to-education/the-guide-to-education/everyone/the-guide-to-education/?searchMode=3>
- Funding Manual 2017/18 edition <https://education.alberta.ca/funding-framework-for-k-12/funding-manual/>
- *School Act* Regulations <https://education.alberta.ca/legislation-and-regulations/school-act/>
- **In the Loop** to receive updates from Alberta Education, FYI it was just updated November 3, 2017 - <https://education.alberta.ca/in-the-loop/>

Feedback and questions from ASBA Zone 5 meeting:

- Bill 24: the best interest of the child can be context specific.
- Are wanting feedback on policies, but understand that no feedback is “feedback.”
- Would like to have notification that in the Loop is updated and a more transparent communication process.
- Concern raised by Foothills School Division about drivers passing school busses when lights are flashing and stop sign is activated. They are working with RCMP and transportation about signage. There is a motion about transportation and safety put forward from FSD at the Fall General Meeting.

**Networking** – Jeannine Tucker

Nothing to report. Brief overview for new trustees of event in July.

**Edwin Parr** – Mark Chung, Cheryl Low (alternate)

Nothing to report. Brief overview for new trustees.

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

Nothing to report. Joanne is not in attendance today however is happy to remain on committee.

**Labour Relations** – Vacant

**Regional Consortium** – Fiona Gilbert

Nothing to report. Brief overview for new trustees.

**Health Promoting School Collaborative** – Fiona Gilbert

Fiona provided a verbal report of ongoing work within the group. Nothing to report. Brief overview for new trustees.

**Second Language Caucus** – Vacant

Nothing to report. Brief overview for new trustees.

**FNMI Task Force** – Julie Hrdlicka

Nothing to report.

**Break 11:09-11:26**

**Working Lunch 11:26 – 11:48**

**No In-Camera Required**

**Work Plan Items**

**Discussion on Transportation and Safety with Traffic.**

Foothills School Division is having problems with vehicles passing busses that are stopped with stop sign out and students are offloading from the busses and some are crossing streets. Bus Safety Awareness is key for keeping students safe.

**Zone 5 Director Items**

Nothing to Report

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:04 with AGM to follow.

**Future Meeting Dates**

December 1, 2017, January 5, 2018, February 2, 2018, March 2, 2018, April 6, 2018, May 4, 2018 (Antelope Room).

**Important Dates:**

July 5, 2018 Networking Event