

ZONE 1



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Minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting held at Teresa Sargent Hall, Montrose Cultural Centre

ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Alberta Education – Nathan Freed
Alberta School Boards Association – Dr. Vivian Abboud, Lorrie Jess (via videoconference)
Conseil Scolaire du Nord Ouest – Brigitte Kropielnicki, Roger Tremblay
Fort Vermilion School Division –
Grande Prairie Catholic - Michelle Boisvert, Michael Popek, Karl Germann, Jody Fingerhut, Jamie Schoorlemmer
Grande Prairie Public – Paulette Kurylo, Lynn Driedger, Andre Ouellette, John Lehnert, Sandy McDonald, Rob Martin
High Prairie School Division – Joyce Dvornek, Laura Poloz, Karin Schull
Holy Family Catholic Regional Division – Margaret Michaud, J.M. Pozniak, Betty Turpin, Aimee Hirtle
Northland School Division – Jesse Lamouche, Karen Telford, Gord Atkinson
Peace River School Division – Robyn Robertson, Paul Bennett, Darren Kuester, Delainah Velichka
Peace Wapiti School Division – Sharilyn Anderson, Dana McIntosh, Bob Stewart, Bob Knull, Stefanie Clark, Wendy Kelm, Joy Joachim
(36 in attendance)

1. Call to Order

Chair, Sharilyn Anderson called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Sharilyn Anderson read an acknowledgement of the ancestral and traditional territory of the Indigenous peoples of the area. Michelle Boisvert said a prayer. Introductions were held.

2. Approval of Agenda

Jody Fingerhut of Grande Prairie Catholic School Division moved acceptance of the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes

Spelling corrections – Andre Oullette, Robyn Robertson, Delainah Velichka.
Paulette Kurylo of Grande Prairie Public School Division moved the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting be accepted as amended.

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3.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

Sandy MacDonald to contact Jody Peebles from Grande Prairie Regional College. Requested to follow up with the zone chair. No contact has been made to date. He will bring it up again with her.

Future agenda items – contact Victoria Wanihadie. Sharilyn did get in touch with her but she was not available for this meeting. Also GP Public on the Continuous Improvement Index. Will discuss with John Lehnrs. Discussed to maybe present at the May meeting.

Dana McIntosh of Peace Wapiti Public School Division moved that the zone strike a committee to discuss PD presenters at zone meetings.

CARRIED

There will be three members on the committee. Wendy Kelm from PWPSD, Sharilyn Anderson from PWPSD, Joyce Dvornek from HPSD, and Michelle Boisvert from GPCSD.

Dana McIntosh of Peace Wapiti Public School Division moved that the committee members Wendy Kelm from PWPSD, Sharilyn Anderson from PWPSD, Joyce Dvornek from HPSD, and Michelle Boisvert from GPCSD be approved.

CARRIED

4. New Items

4.1 Zone One Bylaw and Operations Manual discussion

Sharilyn reviewed proposed changes to the Operations Manual. A draft copy will be send to Boards and Operations Manual changes will be accepted at the May meeting.

4.2 Role of Zones in ASBA and how can we make them more effective

- Two way communication between the zone and ASBA. Historically was much more of a networking group. A way to get together and discuss issues. Discuss issues that trustees can affect.
- Defining unique roles. Don't all look alike comparing one zone to the next.
- Paulette Kurylo, GPPSD – Zone 1 is unique in our Edwin Parr meeting in September. It has benefited the district and the zone.
- Darren Kuester, PRSD – Effectiveness is how fast things move. We barely receive the information and are asked to give an answer within days. If there is any way the zone can get together and figure out that problem. No time to consider and discuss within our Board, much less at the Zone level.
- More information on the agenda when feedback is going to be requested.

4.3 Solar Power presentation – Hailey Gish (11:00am)

Presentation made by Municipal Climate Change Action Centre around Solar for Schools project. www.mccac.ca/sfs for further information and more details from the presentation. For questions, email at contact@mccac.ca.

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4.4 Committee vacancies to be filled

- i) Edwin Parr committee – Chris Schneider will step in as committee member. Will assign another alternate. Michelle Boisvert from Grande Prairie Catholic will be appointed as alternate.
- ii) Ad Hoc Committee – Discussed with chair of committee and determined that no additional member is required at this time.

4.5 Possible meeting change for May 8

Request by ASBA to change the location for the May 8 meeting to Grande Prairie if possible so they can present the budget in person. HFCDR is willing to give up their turn if there is a Grande Prairie board willing to take on the meeting. Peace Wapiti has volunteered to host the May 8 meeting.

Jody Fingerhut from Grande Prairie Catholic School Division moved to change the meeting location for the May 8 zone meeting from Peace River (HFCDR was hosting) to Grande Prairie (PWPSD hosting) due to flight scheduling conflicts of the ASBA representatives.

CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1 Director's Report – Delainah Velichka

Has not been to a director's meeting yet. Looking forward to her first meeting tomorrow.

5.2 ASBA Report – Lorrie Jess and Vivian Abboud

Lorrie Jess – hired a Chief Business office on February 14, Steve Langer new Chief Officer of Development, Zach Smith new Financial manager.

Advocacy committee – drafted a three year plan. Focussed on the MELT program and funding. Want feedback on the advocacy toolkits so they can improve on these tools for the members. MELT – date moved from March 1 to July 31. Sent letter to minister and then released a news release. Many interviews since so it had an impact.

Funding materials from advocacy – ASBA has created a funding campaign with multiple materials. Posted to members only section of the website to be used.

Political strategy reviews – Trying to get a meeting with each of the party leaders to get their stance on Education.

Partnership with Headstrong to hold a youth summit in June. ASBA moving forward to host a youth summit with Headstrong. Will share costs and organizing. Newsletter will be released in the next couple of weeks.

Honoring Spirit award – received 175 nominations. Award recipients announced on April 10. Edwin Parr due end of April.

Vivian – presented the operational vision of the ASBA. Developed through extensive consultation. No questions or comments were asked.

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5.3 Alberta Education – Nathan Freed

March 8 – requesting information about seclusion rooms. Asking divisions to list and send by March 29.

March 1 – MELT requirements but exemptions for school authorities until July 31
School authorities can provide the training as long as they are endorsed or use a trainer endorsed.

March 12 – extension of expiry for school fees and transportation. Set to expire in 2019. Now extended to 2022.

Note that once writ for election is dropped, meeting and communication will be very limited.

Discussed CEUs 45 cap and prerequisite.

Advanis Survey – so if you get a phone call from a representative, please take the time to answer questions

January – online learning guides came out. Really provides information around home based education programs.

Many questions around MELT program.

Questions around Advanis Survey. Suggested online survey instead of phone.

5.4 North West Regional Learning Consortium – Delainah Velichka

Presented report from NRLC. One new staff was hired and a part time financial person was hired. Discussed completed courses to date. Emailed report to follow.

5.5 Labour Relations – Joyce Dvornek

No report to present

5.6 Healthy School Coalition – Lynn Driedger

Email about yearly meeting – date to be determined.

5.7 Second Languages Caucus – John Kuran

Provided an update about Caucus. Next meeting March 21.

5.8 Zone Chair's Report – Sharilyn Anderson

Attended ASBA Board of Director's meeting. Chair attended as the Director and the alternate could not attend. Most information was in camera. Nothing else to report.

Charlene Bearhead – 12 students receiving awards in the Government House in Edmonton. All nominees will receive a certificate. Charlene also stated that she would be willing to come out to zones and present about the ASBA initiatives.

Confirmed that she can attend our May 8 zone meeting.

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5.9 Ad Hoc Committee – Lynn Driedger

Requested information from divisions. Some information has been received back. They are not receiving the information that will be needed to bring this to completion. They are going to take what they can get to move forward with the committee. Met with CFSA, new hospital, NADC rep next week. Good conversations around collaboration potential. Most school divisions don't have record keeping within the schools based on mental health resources.

6. In Camera

Room was not conducive to go into camera.

7. Request for Consideration for Action

John-Michael Pozniak provided some information and discussed the proposed motion.

Moved by John-Michael Pozniak of Holy Family Catholic Regional Division to postpone the vote to May 8, 2019 on the Amended Proposed Resolution for FGM sponsored by Holy Family Catholic Regional Division to ASBA to be considered for the FGM.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

Received an email from Kim Ruether asking about whether there are any schools left that do not have an AED in them. She wants to know so she can pursue funding to stock that. Her family has a website projectbrock.com where the initiative was to get AEDs in all schools across the province. Wants a list to present to the legislature on May 22.

Email on policy put forth at last meeting. Change the word policy to Bylaw. Confirmed that this was the intention.

9. Round Table Discussions

Members provided an update on what was happening in their District/Division.

10. Future Agenda Topics Suggestions:

Charlene Bearhead coming to May meeting
Discussion with GPPSD about Continuous Improvement Index
Victoria Wanihadie to do a presentation

11. **Next Meeting** – May 8, 2019 hosted by Peace Wapiti Public School Division.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Paulette Kurylo of Grande Prairie Public School Division to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 pm.