



FINAL synopsis May 9, 2019

ASBA Board of Directors Meeting: Key Discussions and Decisions

This synopsis is provided to support ASBA Directors in reporting to their respective constituencies following a Board of Directors meeting. For ASBA use only.

President Report

President Lorrie Jess and CEO, Dr. Vivian Abboud attended the CSBA board meeting May 6 to 7. Both met with MPs Matt Jeneroux; Kevin Waugh; and, Mike Lake, and other notable stakeholders. They also attended a presentation by a National Chief Perry Bellegarde. President Jess and Dr. Abboud, spent their time advocating for the importance of locally elected school boards. CSBA sent a news release May 8 regarding the board meeting.

Vice-President Report

Vice-President Boymook felt the last four-partners meetings went well. ASBA's partners expressed their appreciation for the advocacy work of ASBA.

CEO Report

President Lorrie Jess and Dr. Abboud have been attending Zone meetings to present the budget. Dr. Abboud has by now contacted all chairs whose boards participated in the Management Compensation Survey, regarding the decision not to develop a report this year. Dr. Abboud has heard from many trustees regarding the excitement surrounding the Provincial Youth Mental Health Summit. ASBA hopes the Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange and the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Jason Luan will be able to attend. ASBA also sent the CSBA Strategic Plan survey to members. All Board Chairs are encouraged to fill it out by May 31.

ASBA Strategic Plan Update

ASBA has reviewed and considered all feedback received regarding the draft Strategic Plan. Adjustments were made as needed. The Board of Directors has now approved the Strategic Plan and will be sharing it at SGM.

Budget 2019-2020 Update

General feedback regarding the Budget has been very positive.

Advocacy Committee Update

President Lorrie Jess and the Executive Committee are looking forward to a face-to-face meeting with Minister LaGrange to discuss ASBA's priorities. These include the following items:

the implementation of the *Education Act*; a funding formula review and the need for ASBA to co-lead this with government; superintendent compensation; and the MELT program. ASBA has sent letters of congratulations and requests for meetings to the Premier and Education Minister, as well as to the Ministers of Health and Transportation. Letters of congratulations have been sent to all other cabinet ministers.

ASBA will be hosting a webinar regarding the *Education Act* on June 19. This will be posted to TLC afterward for those who are unable to attend. More details to come. ASBA will request for the Minister of Education to continue with the work of the Timeout, Seclusion Room & Physical Restraint Advisory Committee.

Potential Emergent Motions

The Board of Directors has moved to bring forward the following proposed emergent resolutions in principle:

Resolution 1

The Alberta School Boards Association urges the provincial government to delay proclaiming the *Education Act* in force to allow adequate time for further consultation between local school boards and the new government on issues of concern, and collaborate with the Alberta School Boards Association on all regulations pursuant to the *Education Act*.

Resolution 2

Student residency should continue to be based on where the student's parent resides, not where the student resides during the school year.

Resolution 3

The upper age limit for the right of access to an education program in that school year should continue to be younger than 19 years of age as of September 1.

Resolution 4

Position statement 12. PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS be amended by adding the underlined text to Superintendent of Schools/CEO selection so that the policy statement reads as follows:

12.1 Superintendent of Schools/CEO Selection, Terms of Employment and Benefits

Superintendents of Schools should continue to be hired by their local boards. The requirement that the Minister of Education approve the appointment or renewal of contract of the Superintendent should be discontinued. In addition school boards have full access to the salary bands immediately while further discussions can take place with school boards on additional revisions that will empower school boards to recruit and retain the best individual to serve as Superintendent."

PDAC Update

The Board of Directors has moved to approve the revised Governance Policy 10, subsection 10.1 to 10.6 to take effect July 1, 2019. The Board of Directors made a motion to defer the revision of Governance Policy 10, subsection 10.7, and to bring it back in the fall 2019. PDAC meets next on May 23.

Spring General Meeting Business Session

The Board of Directors will gather for final SGM prep at 4:45 p.m. on June 2.

Superintendent Appointment Matters Update

The ASBA team made a demonstration of ASBA's new Superintendent Matters learning object (Form 4) on TLC. This will be available to all members at SGM.

Teacher Growth, Supervision and Evaluation Policy

ASBA has applied for a grant to support boards in relation to this policy, but also advocated for the removal of superintendents from this policy. With the recent election, ASBA is awaiting word from Alberta Education to determine next steps.

Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards

The awards took place at Government House on Saturday May 11. They were hosted by Her Honour, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. The Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, and the Honourable Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations were in attendance.

Provincial Youth Mental Health Summit 2019

Directors and Zone Chairs have been asked to volunteer to facilitate the student breakout session. Dr. Abboud will be working with facilitators to support them in this role. Dr. Abboud will also be calling superintendents to discuss the summit.

CSBA National Congress 2020

ASBA will be hosting CSBA National Congress 2020, July 2 to 5 at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta. ASBA is proposing a line-up of keynote speakers. The theme will be decided by the task force. The Board of Directors moved to establish a CSBA 2020 task force consisting of three directors, and approved the terms of reference as presented. The Board of Directors appointed: Brad Toone; Marsha Tkach; and, Debbie Engel.