



Fall General Meeting

November 19, 2018
The Westin Edmonton Hotel
10135 – 100 Street, Edmonton, Alberta

Minutes

The quorum was present.

President L. Jess called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President L. Jess addressed the assembly and acknowledged the meeting was convened on Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 land.

President L. Jess introduced the ASBA Board of Directors to the assembly.

New ASBA CEO Dr. Vivian Abboud was introduced. Dr. Abboud addressed the assembly.

Nancy Pynch-Worthylake, Executive Director, CSBA, was introduced. She brought greetings on behalf of the CSBA President, Laurie French.

ATA Vice-President Jenny Regal was introduced. She brought greetings to the assembly.

The President acknowledged the ASBA Zone Chairs, Education Partners, and other guests present.

President L. Jess welcomed Trina Boymook, Vice-President and Chair of the Policy Development Advisory Committee (PDAC). T. Boymook assumed the Chair position at 9:22 a.m. The Chair welcomed everyone to the business portion of the FGM and introduced the working party:

- Tammy Henkel, Director for Zone 1, member of PDAC
- Cheryl Dumont, Director for Zone 2/3, member of PDAC
- Lorrie Jess, ASBA President
- Valeria Palladino, Interim CEO
- Becky Kallal, Parliamentarian

The Chair reminded the membership of the meeting rules and procedures. A voting test was performed.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Note: Procedural motions required a simple majority, i.e. 50%+1.

MOTION

Moved by B. Toone, ASBA Director

Seconded by J. Tuininga, ASBA Director

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The Rules of Procedure be adopted as presented in the FGM 2018 Policies Bulletin.”

CARRIED

(Y: 97%/N: 3%)

According to the Bylaw 12.4, a balloting committee had to be appointed at an opening of every general meeting. The Chair read the list of the proposed members of the Balloting Committee as follows:

Nieta World, Balloting Committee Chair

Shawn Russell, Associate Superintendent Corporate Services, Chinooks Edge School Division No 73

Tahra Sabir, Secretary Treasurer, Golden Hills School Division No. 75

Rhian Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent Business, Grasslands Regional Division No. 6

Dexter Durfey, Secretary Treasurer, Palliser Regional Schools

Tracy Meunier, Secretary Treasurer, Pembina Hills Public Schools

Bruce Buruma, Corporate Secretary, Red Deer Public Schools

Ed Latka, Secretary Treasurer, St. Thomas Aquinas RC Schools

MOTION

Moved by M. Tkach, ASBA Director

Seconded by T. Hurdman, ASBA Director

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“In accordance with Bylaw 12, Section 12.4, the Balloting Committee be appointed as read.”

CARRIED

(Y: 100%)

Determination of adding Emergent/Extraordinary Issues to the Order Paper

Parliamentarian B. Kallal spoke on the definition of emergent or extraordinary resolutions, their deadlines of October 19, 2018. She informed the assembly that PDAC received two emergent and or extraordinary resolutions after the deadline. B. Kallal advised that the emergent and or extraordinary resolutions deemed by the Policy Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) to have met the criteria of an emergent issue required a simple majority to be added to the Order Paper. Those that did not meet the criteria would require a 2/3 majority vote to be added.

The Chair informed the assembly that the next resolution met the PDAC's requirement of an emergent and or extraordinary issue. Therefore, a simple majority vote of 50%+1 was required to add this item to the Order Paper.

MOTION – simple majority

Moved by Buffalo Trail Public Schools

Seconded by Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“Resolution 10/FGM2018 (ASBA urges Alberta Education to provide funding to support the upcoming Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) program and further ASBA urges Alberta Transportation to consolidate S-Endorsement with MELT to avoid repetitive instructions) be added to the Order Paper as an Emergent Issue.”

CARRIED

(Y: 95%/N: 5%)

The Chair informed the assembly that the next resolution did not meet the PDAC's requirement of an emergent and or extraordinary issue. Therefore, two thirds majority was required to add this item to the Order Paper.

MOTION – 2/3 majority

Moved by Northern Lights School Division

Seconded by Peace Wapiti School Division

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“Resolution 11/FGM2018 (Alberta Government require and allocate funds for all school buses with external cameras) be added to the Order Paper as an Emergent Issue.”

CARRIED

(Y: 67%/N: 33%)

Adoption of Order Paper

MOTION – simple majority

Moved by C. Williams, ASBA Director

Seconded by C. Peacocke, ASBA Director

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The Order Paper be accepted as amended.”

CARRIED

(Y: 100%)

Approval of minutes of the SGM 2018

MOTION – simple majority

Moved by D. Engel, ASBA Director

Seconded by C. Dumont, ASBA Director

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The Minutes of the Spring General Meeting 2018 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

(Y: 98%/N: 2%)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A resolution was passed at the SGM 2018 for the ASBA Board of Directors to review the reserves and better explain these funds to the membership at the FGM 2018.

T. Boymook, Vice-President, provided a report to the members and took the questions from the floor. V. Palladino, Interim CEO, supplemented in answering the questions from the floor.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. for a facilitated generative discussion. The guests left the room.

President L. Jess called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

ASBA DIRECTOR RECOGNITION

The following ASBA Directors of the Board were recognized as they completed their terms:

- Jennifer Tuininga, Zone 2/3 Director
- Cathy Peacocke, Zone 4 Director

T. Boymook resumed the Chair position at 1:13 p.m.

POSITION STATEMENTS AMENDMENTS

Note: Position Statement amendments required a double majority: 60% of Boards/60% of students to pass.

MOTION 1/FGM2018 – double majority

Moved by T. Henkel, ASBA Director

Seconded by T. Hurdman, ASBA Director

WHEREAS according to Board Governance Policy 10, the Association policy positions are to be reviewed a minimum of every five (5) years to either reaffirm, amend or delete existing policy in order to give maximum emphasis to the needs and/or concerns of the membership; and

WHEREAS the Block Funding Program referenced in Position Statement 8.10 is no longer a viable option; and

WHEREAS Bill 206 as referenced in Position Statement 11.3 did not receive Royal Assent; and

WHEREAS funding for the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISi) referenced in Position Statement 13.5 ended in 2013;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“Position Statements 8.10, 11.3 and 13.5 of the *ASBA Position Statements* be deleted in their entirety.”

CARRIED

(98% of Boards/99.47% of students)

MOTION 2/FGM2018 – double majority

Moved by T. Henkel, ASBA Director

Seconded by M. Tkach, ASBA Director

WHEREAS Board Governance Policy 8 requires that PDAC ensure Bylaws, Association policy positions and, Board of Directors governance policies are current and relevant; and

WHEREAS the name of the report referenced in Position Statement 5.1 is “Alberta’s Commission on Learning (ACOL) Report”; and the consultations on initiatives that directly resulted from the ACOL Report have concluded; and

WHEREAS the name of the report referenced in Position Statement 7.7 is *Standards for Special Education, Amended 2004*; and

WHEREAS the “Integrated Occupational Program” referenced in Position Statement 17.2 is no longer applicable; and

WHEREAS Position Statement 21.4 uses the term marijuana and the preferred terminology when referring to marijuana and its related products is cannabis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“Position Statement 5.1 be amended to replace “Learning Commission Report” with “Alberta’s Commission on Learning (ACOL) Report” and remove the sentences “*The ASBA president and designates shall participate fully in any discussion and development of implementation plans for all of the areas addressed in the report, reflecting the views of the membership. Any final implementation plans be subject to ratification by the ASBA membership.*”

Position Statement 7.7 be amended to replace “Standards document June 2004” with “Standards for Special Education, Amended June 2004.”

Position Statement 17.2 be amended to remove the words “e.g. the Integrated Occupational Program”.

Position Statement 21.4 be amended to replace “marijuana” with “cannabis”.

CARRIED
(97% of Boards/98.24% of students)

MOTION 3/FGM2018 – double majority

Moved by C. Dumont, ASBA Director

Seconded by J. Tuininga, ASBA Director

WHEREAS the Position Statements on Association Operations provide guidance to the Association members and staff; and

WHEREAS the Position Statements need to allow for flexibility to accommodate emergent situations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“Position Statement 2.3 – Association business session on page 7 of the *ASBA Position Statements* be amended to read the following:

The Association’s business session will be held on the first full day of all ASBA general meetings.”

AMENDMENT – simple majority

Moved by A. Adams, Fort McMurray Public Schools

Seconded by P. Galenzoski, Fort McMurray Catholic Schools

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

““Position Statement 2.3 – Association business session on page 7 of the *ASBA Position Statements* be amended to read the following:

The Association’s business session will **begin no later than 9:00 a.m.** on the first full day of all ASBA general meetings.”

DEFEATED
(Y: 17%/N: 83%)

The vote on the main motion was taken. The motion was **CARRIED** with the following result:

(97% of Boards/98.76% of students)

MOTION 4FGM2018 – double majority
Moved by C. Dumont, ASBA Director
Seconded by M. Janz, ASBA Director

WHEREAS the Board Governance Policy 8 provides that PDAC ensures Bylaws, Association policy positions and Board of Directors governance policies are current and relevant; and

WHEREAS the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement ended in 2013;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“ASBA Position Statement 7.3 – Funding on pages 14-15 of the *ASBA Position Statements* be amended to delete the reference to AISI; and

The wording of Statement 7.3 be amended to provide further clarity, as presented.

7.3 Funding
Targeted Funding

Targeted operational funding should be minimized.

Continued but increased targeted funding is supported for:

- The Class-Size Initiative (CSI) funding including upward adjustment to address annual enrollment increases for growing school divisions.

Base Funding

There are a number of areas where financial support for programs is deemed by Alberta Education to be covered under base funding which includes the per-pupil allocation at the elementary level and the CEUs earned at the high school level. Some of the areas which are deemed by Alberta Education to be supported by base funding include, but are not limited to:

- technology,
- mild and moderate special education funding,
- enhanced counselling services,
- programs designed to reduce substance abuse by students including the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program,
- school library funding,
- early intervention initiatives,
- second language education, and
- school liaison officers.

Funding for Differential Factors

Alberta Education’s funding allocation formula provides funds additional to the base funding. Some of these additional allocations are targeted and therefore must be spent on the identified area. Other additional allocations are not targeted, which means Alberta Education provides additional targeted funding for identified programs or initiatives such as small schools by necessity, CTS; and leaves the Board flexibility as to how the non-targeted funds are expended.

Funds which are not considered part of base and are not targeted are referred to as additional funding for differential factors by Alberta Education. ASBA positions in regard to funding which is neither targeted nor part of the base are as follows:

- Enhanced funding for small schools by necessity should be provided so small high schools can provide students with access to at least a minimum acceptable program and which allows graduates to attend any post-secondary institution in Alberta.
- Outreach funding should recognize operating costs and market rates should be increased.
- Grades 1-12 severe special needs category to allow for funding decision of student programs that are consistent with program unit funds that are available to ECS students.”

CARRIED
(100% of Boards)

MOTION 5FGM2018 – double majority
Moved by C. Dumont, ASBA Director
Seconded by M. Janz, ASBA Director

WHEREAS the Board Governance Policy 8 provides that PDAC ensures Bylaws, Association policy positions and Board of Directors governance policies are current and relevant; and

WHEREAS to date, the Alberta Government has completed three phases of Public-Private Partnerships for school construction without establishing the task force referenced in Position Statement 8.6;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The following section in Position 8.6 be deleted:

Public-Public and Private-Public Partnerships

The provincial government should establish a task force to study the potential for partnerships involving public-public and public-private and the merits and disadvantages of such arrangements.”

CARRIED
(100% of Boards)

MOTION 6FGM2018 – double majority
Moved by C. Dumont, ASBA Director
Seconded by C. Peacocke, ASBA Director

WHEREAS the Board Governance Policy 8 provides that PDAC ensures Bylaws, Association policy positions and Board of Directors governance policies are current and relevant; and

WHEREAS the Association adopted new foundational statements in 2017 with the mission of “Excellence in education through exceptional board governance”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“Association Position Statement 14.1: *Provincial committees* on page 32 of the *ASBA Position Statements* be amended as presented.

14.1 Provincial committees

The Alberta School Boards Association should have equitable representation on all provincial committees, which have under discussion, matters affecting the administration, operation and governance of Alberta schools.”

CARRIED
(100% of Boards)

Tammy Henkel assumed the Chair position at 1:52 p.m.

PROPOSED POSITION STATEMENTS

Note: Position Statement amendments required a double majority: 60% of Boards/60% of students to pass.

MOTION 7FGM2018 – double majority

Moved by Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools

Seconded by Grasslands Public Schools

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“ASBA urges Alberta Education to provide greater leadership in the area of English Language Learning (ELL) by dedicating more attention and personnel to the areas of ELL curriculum development and implementation, instruction, and assessment.”

AMENDMENT – simple majority

Moved by Calgary Board of Education

Seconded by Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“Motion 7FGM2018 be amended to read the following:

ASBA urges Alberta Education to provide greater **support** in the area of English Language Learning (ELL) by dedicating more attention and personnel to the areas of ELL curriculum development and implementation, instruction, and assessment **as requested by boards.**”

CARRIED
(Y: 90%/N: 10%)

The vote on the amended main motion was taken. The motion was **CARRIED** with the following result:

(90% of Boards/91.46% of students)

MOTION 8FGM2018 – double majority
Moved by St. Albert Public Schools
Seconded by Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The Alberta Government adequately fund programming for students who are English Language Learners (ELL) by:

- Reinstating the maximum length of funding support to seven years, and
- Increasing the current funding allocation rate.”

CARRIED
(76% of Boards/83.18% of students)

MOTION 9FGM2018 – double majority
Moved by Edmonton Public Schools and Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools
Seconded by Calgary Board of Education

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“Dedicated funding for accredited mental health professional available in schools be increased to best meet students’ mental health needs in a timely and accessible manner for all Alberta students through cross-ministerial collaboration between the Ministries of Health, Education, and Infrastructure.”

CARRIED
(95% of Boards/97.43% of students)

MOTION 10FGM2018 – double majority
Moved by Buffalo Trail Public Schools
Seconded by Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“ASBA urges Alberta Education to provide funding to support the upcoming Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) program.

We further request that ASBA urges Alberta Transportation to allow current S-Endorsement instructors including those employed by school boards the opportunity to become certified MELT instructors and that the S-Endorsement be combined with the MELT program to consolidate and streamline the program to avoid repetitive subject matter being instructed.”

CARRIED
(98% of Boards/96.36% of students)

T. Boymook resumed the Chair position.

MOTION 11FGM2018 – double majority
Moved by Northern Lights Public Schools
Seconded by Peace Wapiti School Division

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The Alberta Government requires that and allocates additional funds for all Alberta school buses to be outfitted with external cameras in order to identify and help convict motorists that dangerously disregard the red flashing lights on our school buses.”

CARRIED

(94% of Boards/94.29% of students)

WRAP UP MESSAGE

T. Boymook spoke to the assembly on the future of the school boards, their autonomy and importance for the success of Alberta students. Emerging national trends in centralizing local school boards into a single administrative or advisory body in some parts of the country were concerning. In order to increase awareness of the value of locally elected school boards and help the ASBA advocacy efforts in this regard the school boards would receive a questionnaire in the near future. The members’ answers would shape the ASBA advocacy efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

L. Jess resumed the role of the Chair at 3:03 p.m.

With no additional business, the Association Business Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

President

CEO