

## June 13, 2019, ASBA Board of Directors Meeting: Key discussions and decisions

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### SGM Debrief

Members seemed pleased with the business session. President Jess was also pleased with the way membership came together and collaborated. PDAC recommends completing a review of all reserves in addition to building reserve. The new position statements will be included in the policy handbook. Members are strongly encouraged to complete the SGM survey so ASBA can improve on every event.

### Items Arising from SGM

Right after the SGM, ASBA sent:

- A letter to the Minister of Education: sharing the five new resolutions from SGM including the MELT resolution, also asked about details and contacts for working with ASBA on the development and implementation of the regulations ensuing from the *Act*, as well as the funding formula review.
- A letter to the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Treasury Board: sharing the MELT resolution and requesting a meeting regarding MELT.
- A letter to the Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction: regarding ASBA's desire to share our ideas and recommendations. Member trustees as well as education partners were sent an email regarding their ideas. The Executive Committee will use these responses in their meeting with the Associate Minister.

Dr. Abboud made a presentation to ASBOA and will also present to ASCA next week to encourage collaboration.

The Education Act comparison webinar is set for June 19 at noon.

Three action items ensuing from SGM:

1. Change to some of the wording in the Strategic Plan 2017-2020 to include ASBA's work with the Government of Alberta and its various ministries. The updated Strategic Plan 2017-2020 is now final and will be posted to the website.
2. ASBA shared the process for the development of future strategic plans. This will include consultation with members, right from the beginning of the process.

3. The Board of Directors will discuss reserves as part of budget meetings next year.

### **Advocacy Plans Post-SGM**

Education partners would like to be included in the funding formula review with ASBA in its work with government. ASBA welcomes education partners' feedback and willingness to collaborate with ASBA.

President Jess and Dr. Abboud attended an embargoed meeting with Minister LaGrange's office regarding the *Education Act*. President Jess shared ASBA's request for more time regarding the *Act*, and asked for more clarity around the budget. Though ASBA was not successful in getting more time, Minister LaGrange has committed to working with ASBA on successful implementation of the *Act*, and on regulations including the superintendent regulation. The Advocacy Committee will meet June 21 to discuss next steps.

### **Mental Health Initiatives and Partnerships**

ASBA is exploring the idea of a partnership with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to advise and lead on mental health initiatives. Additionally, ASBA plans to explore, and potentially offer yearly PD on youth mental health.

Further to this, in consultation with membership, ASBA is exploring alternate delivery of SGM, CSBA 2020 and the Youth Mental Health Summit.

### **FGM Information/Consultation Sessions**

As part of ASBA's advocacy work, and as part of our commitment to building relationships between government and school boards, ASBA is looking to explore the possibility of having public servants and other stakeholders present at FGM on matters that affect school board trustees including legislation.

### ***Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards***

Since the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell is likely unable to host next year, and based on her recommendation, ASBA will be requesting that the Minister of Indigenous Relations and the Minister of Education co-host the *Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Students Awards 2020*. The video from the awards is now available on the ASBA website, both in the awards section and on the main page. Additionally, administration has sent emails to recipients with their photos from the event.

### **CSBA Task Force Update**

The CSBA 2020 logo and tagline "Standing Stronger Together" is ready to be launched. The task force is busy planning and ASBA will share more details as they come.

### **Zone Languages Committee**

An email will be sent to survey member school boards about Indigenous languages.