

**Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5  
MINUTES  
Friday April 5, 2019**

**In Attendance:**

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jim Northcott             | Golden Hills School Division    |
| Laurie Huntley            | Golden Hills School Division    |
| Jennifer Mertz            | Golden Hills School Division    |
| Fiona Gilbert             | Rocky View Schools              |
| Jenn Kristiansen          | Foothills School Division       |
| Marsha Tkach              | Prairie Land Regional           |
| Gwen Hampton              | Prairie Land Regional           |
| Shali Baziuk              | Rocky View Schools              |
| Judi Hunter               | Rocky View Schools              |
| Jim Forrest               | Rocky View Schools              |
| Joanne Van Donzel         | Christ the Redeemer             |
| Ron Schreiber             | Christ the Redeemer             |
| Andrea Keenan             | Christ the Redeemer             |
| Julie Hrdlicka            | CBE                             |
| Trina Hurdman             | CBE                             |
| Marilynn Dennis           | CBE                             |
| Pamela Rath               | RCSSD                           |
| Cathie Williams           | RCSSD                           |
| Arlene Rheaume            | Canadian Rockies Public Schools |
| Paul Bourassa             | Conseil FrancoSud               |
| Cassandra Gillis-de Vries | Recording Secretary             |

**Absent:**

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| Joanne Van Donzel | Christ the Redeemer                               |
| Ron Taylor        | Alberta Education (cannot attend due to election) |

**Call to Order:**

Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Ron Schreiber motioned that the Agenda for the April 5, 2019 meeting be approved.

Carried

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Ron Schreiber motioned that the Minutes of the March 1, 2019 meeting be approved as amended.

Carried

### **Action Items from the Minutes:**

None

### **Chair Report** – Fiona Gilbert

- ASBA Draft Strategic Plan
  - Hoping that all Trustees are getting the information from ASBA from your Board Chair.
  - Feedback deadline extended till next week.
- Appreciate the conversation two weeks ago in the Media.
- Future agenda items.
  - Getting to know our boards/board sharing (Fall 2019).
  - Review of Work Plan for 2019/2020.
  - May 3 - meeting to approve policy statements before SGM.
  - Year to date financials review.
  - May 3 - ASBA Budget presentation.

## **REPORTS**

### **ASBA Zone Director's Report** - Marsha Tkach

- See attached documents
- RVS has been using the Advocacy tools kits.
- Prairie Land is using the tool kit to help with wording with their Advocacy plan.
- Pamela appreciated the call for questions for CTV ahead of the debate.
- Continue distribute more information in French.
- Timeline after election about the Advocacy Plan, will depend on who is elected.
- Media Coverage – ASBA and election.
- ELL/Second Language – combining these two committees, who do we feel about this.
  - Concern with high population ELL areas, it requires its own committee. Second Language and ELL are two different things.
  - How will the needs be addressed for both sides, since the needs are so different.
- ASBA Mental Health Summit
  - Do the school boards have to provide the Chaperones? Extra costs are too much for the board.
- Has ASBA done a Trustee Compensation Report?
  - Completed 2 years ago.

### **ASBA Executive Report** – Lorrie Jess/ Vivian Abboud – Video Conference

- Budget was distributed yesterday, presented in June for approval
- Updated strategic plan distributed, April 12 comments are due back.
- May 3 Zone 5, ASBA Budget presentation
- Advocacy committee – provincial election- Chaired by Trina Boymook, multiple items for information for the boards during the election, March 22 went out to the board chairs.

- Advocating to party officials/election
- Advocacy Posters and Post Cards will be distributed soon.
- Lorrie send article about funding education to many publications. Been picked-up by Edmonton Journal and Lacombe.
- April 8 – updates about Election and info. Follow ASBA Twitter.
- Mental Health Summit – March 20 email went to Superintendents.
- March 21 – Presented at CASS about governance.
- March 27 - newsletter
- Honouring Spirit Indigenous Awards: 175 nominations; 12 awards announced May 10.
- CSBA July 2-5
- Spread the Word Week. Follow ASBA on Twitter
- Next Tuesday email about Youth Summit, how to register. Registration will open, FAQ included.
- Applied for 2 Grants from Alberta Education.
- Email copy of questions that ASBA has been asking Party Leaders. (Email was sent to board chairs on Wednesday, and another email going out today.)

**Break 10:30 am – 10:48 am**

**Presentation: The Legislative Process**

- see attachment

**Alberta Education Report** – Ron Taylor (cannot be provided because of Alberta Election)

**Networking** - Shali Baziuk, Arlene Rheaume, Rob Pirie

**Edwin Parr** – Rob Pirie, Shali Baziuk, Marilyn Dennis, Pamela Rath

**Calgary Regional Consortium** – Ron Schreiber

**Second Language Caucus** – Joanne Van Donzel

**Ad Hoc Professional Learning** – Jennifer Mertz and Rob Schreiber

**In-Camera**

No in-camera.

**Business Items**

- Review proposed member board draft Position Statements for FGM
  - RVS
    - See attached document
    - Concern about the wording and some edits provided/feedback
    - Interpretation of the wording; is it more a Directive for Action and not a policy/position statement.
    - RVS to chat with Kit at ASBA with regards to wording.
- Election Advocacy discussion

**Lunch Break 12:00 pm – 12:33 pm**

**Professional Learning – Valerie McDougall, Tsuut’ina Education Director**

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 2:11pm.

**Future Meeting Dates**

May 3, June 7

**Important Dates:**

SGM June 2-4, 2019

FGM November 17-19, 2019

The ASBA Board of Directors met on March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Budget highlights - Board chairs received the draft budget yesterday.

- This budget supports the strategic plan
- 0% increase to membership fees with the intention of no increases for 3 years
- Deficit budget of \$102 000
- The board asked that significant line changes to be explained in the budget package
- I believe the budget will be presented to the zone at the May meeting.

The in Camera items were appointments to the Physical Activities Safety Guidelines Advisory Committee (Jack Molyneux) and of the Parliamentarian (Becky Kallal).

The website has been updated with some items moved to the public part.

Seclusion room advisory committee – BOD appointed directors in January or February to sit on this committee at Alberta education. They only met once and were promised that they would be given a draft prior to any release or decision. This did not happen and ASBA is sending a letter to request clarity and to advocate for school board autonomy.

Advocacy Committee –

- WHAT DO BOARDS THINK OF THE ADVOCACY TOOLKIT? HOW CAN THEY BE BETTER?
- The committee has created a plan for election advocacy. Toolkits have been shared with boards already and next week there will be a blitz of education by ASBA -press releases and numerous social media push out regarding school board issues. Topics will include: funding review, inclusion, transportation, enrollment and infrastructure.
- Post cards and posters were sent out to boards earlier this week.

The board has agreed to host the CSBA national congress in 2020. A task force is being created to ensure the event is successful.

PD offerings – Discussion was held on what directions we should go. Only 80 people attended the Winter leadership Academy. It was decided not to hold the academy in 2020 due to the hosting of the CSBA national congress.

Zone Language Committee – No decision was made. CCSD expressed concern about joining ELL & Second languages into one committee. Please advise where we stand as a zone.

ASBA FGM location starting in 2020 will be at the Delta Edmonton South. Dates will be Nov 16 & 17, 2020; Nov 15-16, 2021; and Nov 21-22, 2022. The benefits are reduced room rates, more rooms available, free parking, and most cost effective.

Strategic plan – The updated plan went out to board chairs last week and asked for input by April 12.

Provincial Youth Mental Health Summit 2019 – Registration opens May 9<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship from ASEBP, Lloyd Sadd, TD Insurance and Xerox has allowed ASBA to cover the cost of one student per board.

Management Compensation Report - Due to low participation, ASBA will not provide a management compensation report for 2019. ASBA sincerely thanks those boards that participated. If your board has participated but you have not already received a personal call from CEO Dr. Abboud, you will receive one shortly

The BOD has voted to only invite guests to the second day the SGM.

Your chair received the SGM bulletin yesterday.

The next meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup>.