



Minutes

ASBA Board of Directors' Meeting

June 13, 2019

ASBA Office, 1200, 9925 – 109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta

Or via video/teleconference at <https://zoom.us/j/441379141>

Attendance

Board of Directors

Lorrie Jess, President – in person
Trina Boymook, Vice-President – via zoom
Delainah Velichka, Director, Zone 1 – via zoom
Cheryl Dumont, Director, Zone 2/3 – via zoom
Arlene Hrynyk, Director, Zone 2/3 – in person
Daryl Scott, Director, Zone 4 – in person
Marsha Tkach, Director, Zone 5 – via zoom
Brad Toone, Director, Zone 6 – via zoom
Linda Wellman, Alternate Director, Calgary Catholic Schools – via zoom
Trina Hurdman, Director, Calgary Board of Education – via zoom
Debbie Engel, Director, Edmonton Catholic Schools – via zoom
Michael Janz, Director, Edmonton Public Schools – in person

Observer

Cathy Hogg, PSBAA

Regrets

Cathie Williams, Director, Calgary Catholic Schools
Michael Ouellette, Observer, ACSTA
Mario Gagné, Observer, FCSFA

Staff

Dr. Vivian Abboud, CEO
Jennifer Elsinga, Committees and Governance Associate
Tatiana Hagerty, Executive Assistant
Rae Thygesen, Manager, Communications and External Relations
Rachel Veinott-McKeough, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

President L. Jess called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

President L. Jess made the following treaty acknowledgement:

“We are grateful to have each of you joining us from your respective homes within Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and Treaty 8 territories as we come together virtually today. We respect and recognize the rich diversity of knowledge, protocols and practices of the Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Sauleaux, Nakota, Tsuut’ina and Métis people of the territories where our respective schools and boards are situated. We also want to keep in mind all of the children of these Nations, as well as all of those from other First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities who attend our schools and to whom we are responsible.”

Roll call was made.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION moved by A. Hrynyk:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The agenda be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

Absent: C. Dumont, D. Engel, C. Williams

2.0 Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflict of interest was declared.

C. Dumont and D. Engel joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

3.0 Consent Agenda

MOTION moved by D. Scott:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The consent agenda be approved as circulated. The consent agenda includes the following resolutions:

- Draft Minutes of ASBA Board of Directors’ Meeting held on May 9, 2019
- Correspondence Report.”

CARRIED

Absent: C. Williams

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4.0 SGM Debrief

4.1 Disposition of Motions

The Disposition of Motions briefing note was circulated prior to the meeting for information.

4.2 Round Table Discussion

The Directors shared their feedback on the event. The following comments were provided:

- Overall member satisfaction with the business session
- To show voters results on the full screen for better visibility
- To align the Operational Plan with Strategic Plan
- To review offering the cash bar when the students and Indigenous Advisory Circle members are in attendance
- To review keynote speakers and their content suitability for both trustees and students
- Breakout sessions were too short to accommodate all presentations
- Future meeting's programs were discussed
- ASBA staff was commended

5.0 Items Arising from SGM

Dr. Abboud provided a verbal report on the actions that the Administration carried through to follow-up on the SGM that included the following items:

- A letter to the Minister of Education was sent. It included five new Position Statements that were adopted at the SGM. We also requested the Minister to support ASBA position on MELT and work with ASBA on the funding formula review.
- A letter to the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Treasury Board was sent to request a meeting regarding MELT.
- A letter to the Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction was sent to request a meeting in order to present ASBA's ideas and recommendations. An email was circulated to the members and education partners to seek their input. The Executive Committee will use these responses at the meeting with the Associate Minister.
- Dr. Abboud met with ASBOA on June 7 to discuss cooperation on funding formula review.
- Dr. Abboud would do a presentation to ASCA on collaboration between school councils and trustees on June 22.
- ASBA would host a webinar "The Education Act: Key Change Areas and Possible Implications for Member Boards" on June 19.
- ASBA Strategic Plan 2017-2020, Goal 4 was updated to reflect the members' feedback at the SGM.

5.1 Strategic Plan 2019-2020 post-SGM

A briefing note with amended Strategic Plan was circulated prior to the meeting as part of the Board package. At the SGM, a question was raised regarding how members' feedback was incorporated into the Strategic Plan. There was also a desire to add the wording, "Nurture a stronger relationship with the Government of Alberta and its various ministries" as part of Goal 4.

MOTION moved by L. Wellman:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

"The ASBA Board of Directors approves 2017-2020 Strategic Plan as amended following the 2019 SGM."

CARRIED

Absent: C. Williams

5.2 Strategic Plan 2020 – 2021

A briefing note was circulated prior to the meeting as part of the meeting package for information. It outlined a new process and timeframe for the strategic planning process for 2020-2021. Dr. Abboud explained that the suggested timeframe would work for member engagement right from the start.

5.3 Reserves

After the budget was passed at SGM 2019, a question was raised regarding the building (reserve) fund. Dr. Abboud commented on the building reserve fund. She also referred to the ASBA Board's motion of March 14-15, 2019, regarding addressing the reserve funds as part of the budget assumptions and planning for 2020/2021 budget planning process.

ACTION ITEM: Administration to provide further recommendations on informing the members about the reserve funds.

6.0 Advocacy Plans post SGM

6.1 Co-leading Review of Funding Formula

Dr. Abboud spoke about the meetings she had with Education Partners and their willingness to work with ASBA on the funding formula review.

6.2 Briefing on Recent Meeting with Education Minister

Dr. Abboud and President L. Jess attended embargoed meeting with the Minister of Education on June 5, 2019. They advocated for delaying the proclamation of the

Education Act that would allow more time for stakeholders' consultations. The government did not grant more time; however, Minister Lagrange committed to collaborating with ASBA to ensure successful implementation of the *Act*, Superintendent Regulations and other topics. ASBA's requests regarding age of access and residency were granted.

Vice President T. Boymook spoke about the advocacy plans following SGM. The next Advocacy Committee meeting was scheduled for June 21, 2019.

7.0 Establishing ASBA Youth Council

A briefing note was circulated prior to the meeting as part of the meeting package.

Dr. Abboud spoke about exploring the idea of partnering with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to create a mental health youth group or council. Discussion took place.

T. Hurdman left the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

MOTION moved by D. Velichka:

After debate and amendment, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

"The ASBA Board of Directors supports the CEO in exploring a partnership with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and government of Alberta to advise and lead on youth mental health initiatives."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

"The ASBA Board of Directors supports the CEO in exploring and potentially offering yearly PD on youth mental health."

CARRIED

Absent: T. Hurdman, C. Williams

7.1 Letter to Associate Minister of Mental Health & Addictions

A draft letter to the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions was circulated prior to the meeting as part of the meeting package.

ACTION ITEM: To adjust the letter to the Associate Minister accordingly based on the motion above.

7.2 SGM 2020/Youth Mental Health Summit

Dr. Abboud introduced the idea of removing PD day from SGM 2020 and adding a day to CSBA 2020 Congress. Discussion took place.

M. Janz left the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

MOTION moved by A. Hrynyk:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“In consultation with membership, the ASBA Board of Directors supports the CEO to explore alternate delivery of the SGM, CSBA 2020, and the Youth Mental Health Summit.”

CARRIED

Absent: T. Hurdman, M. Janz, C. Williams

8.0 FGM Information/Consultation Sessions

As part of ASBA’s advocacy work and commitment to effectively support our members, Dr. Abboud suggested that Alberta Education should present information sessions at FGM on matters that affect school board trustees including *Education Act*.

Dr. Abboud led the discussion and answered the questions.

S. Langer joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

9.0 Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Students Awards co-hosted with Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Ministry of Education

A briefing note was circulated prior to the meeting as part of the meeting package.

Dr. Abboud led the discussion regarding co-hosting the event next year with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and the Ministry of Education. S. Langer, Chief Officer, Education and PD, supplemented the discussion.

ACTION ITEM: Administration to send awards video as part of the next call for nominations message to promote the Awards and encourage submissions.

MOTION moved by C. Dumont:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The ASBA Board of Directors supports the CEO in exploring and potentially executing the co-hosting of Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and the Ministry of Education.”

CARRIED

Absent: T. Hurdman, M. Jantz, C. Williams

9.1 Letter to Minister of Education and Minister of Indigenous Relations

A copy of the letter was distributed prior to the meeting as part of the meeting package.

S. Langer left the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

J. Olson joined the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

C. Dumont left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

10.0 CSBA Task Force Team

A briefing note was circulated prior to the meeting as part of the meeting package. J. Olson, Chief Business Officer, provided a verbal update on the work of the Task Force.

J. Olson left the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

11.0 Language Zones Committee – Indigenous Languages Survey

Dr. Abboud informed the Board that as per the Language Zones Committee request a survey on Indigenous Languages learning opportunities would be circulated shortly.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

President Jess thanked the observer for participation. The observer ended video conference at 4:34 p.m.

MOTION moved by D. Scott:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The Board of Directors move *in camera* at 4:36 p.m.”

CARRIED

Absent: C. Dumont, T. Hurdman, M. Jantz, C. Williams

ASBA staff left the room. Dr. Abboud remained in the room.

13.0 Personnel Update

This item was discussed *in camera*.

MOTION moved by A. Hrynyk:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

“The Board of Directors move *out of camera* at 4:40 p.m.”

CARRIED

Absent: C. Dumont, T. Hurdman, M. Jantz, C. Williams

Adjournment

The President adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.