

Alberta School Board's Association – Zone 5 Minutes –September 28, 2001

CALL TO ORDER Kim Salkeld called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

IN ATTENDANCE	Kim Salkeld Darrell Couture Lorne Kosack Terry Patey John Murray Maureen Munro Graham Sewell Dr. Leroy Sloan Shirley Reinhardt Kathy Smith Ken Robertson Chris Pollard John Neill Sharon Hester Mary Stengler Pat Stutz Odette Pettem Larry Maerz Linda Wellman Luba Diduch Brian Callaghan Gary McKinnon	Rocky View Rocky View Rocky View Rocky View Rocky View Rocky View Foothills ASBA Golden Hills Golden Hills Director – Zone 5 - Alberta Learning Francophone Public Prairie Land Calgary Board of Education Christ the Redeemer Canadian Rockies Conseil scolaire catholique francophone Golden Hills Calgary Catholic Calgary Catholic Canadian Rockies Golden Hills
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA Linda Wellman moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.
Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES John Murray moved the minutes of May 18, 2001 be approved as circulated.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Board Showcasing for 2001/2002 School Year

November 2, 2001	Christ the Redeemer (subsequently, date of meeting moved to October 26, 2001)
December 7, 2001	Calgary Separate
January 25, 2002	Foothills
February 22, 2002	Rocky View
March 22, 2002	Golden Hills
April 26, 2002	Canadian Rockies
May 17, 2002	Calgary Board of Education – unconfirmed

CORRESPONDENCE

Lois Byers and Donna Engel, A.S.B.A. – thanked Zone 5 for assisting with C.S.B.A. convention, and especially the breakfast and white hat presentation.

BOARD SHARING

Chris Pollard – Francophone Public

- Opened two new schools, one in Canmore and one in south part of Calgary, and as well, opened a High School program in Lethbridge.
- Hired administration – joint with St. Paul Francophone.
- Organization meeting on Monday.
- Established ad-hoc transportation committee to review policies.
- Dr. Oberg postponed elections for Francophone Boards until after recent amendments proposed to School Act are ratified.
- Thanked trustees and Board administration for assistance provided.

John Neill – Prairie Land

- Superintendent Dr. Aitken is retiring at the end of September and nearing completion of the search for a new Superintendent.
- Hired new Assistant Superintendent, Bob Smith, to replace Wes Neumeier who recently resigned.
- Two Wards are having elections.
- Notice of motion to close Homestead Coulee School at the end of 2001/02 school year as present enrolment is 20 students.

Graham Sewell - Foothills

- Foothills School Division presently conducting administrator's retreat.
- Started the year with Dr. Oberg attending a Joint School Council/Board meeting.
- \$5.2M school approved in the Dewinton/Davidsberg area – planning underway.
- Five Wards in Foothills – three acclaimed.
- Noticed lack of people interested in running for office.

Shirley Reinhardt – Golden Hills

- Approximately 3% growth in student enrollment.
- Relocation of students throughout Strathmore due to opening of new high school and transfer of a school to Christ the Redeemer.
- Staff appreciation night being held on September 27, 2001.
- Official opening of new high school in Strathmore on October 9, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Minister of Learning, Dr. Oberg, will be in attendance.
- New teacher orientation recently held– forty new teachers hired.
- SAFE “safe schools are for everyone”, is a program recently initiated – has submitted program for award of excellence.
- Shirley Reinhardt announced she is retiring.

Mary Stengler – Christ the Redeemer

- New Superintendent recently hired by Christ the Redeemer.
- Two new schools opened (Strathmore and Canmore).
- 400 new students enrolled.
- New teacher orientation recently held – close to fifty new teachers. Have established a Mentorship program for new teachers.
- Division-Wide Professional Development Day held a couple of weeks ago.
- All but one of the wards had the candidate acclaimed.

Odette Pettem – Francophone Catholic

- Hired new Superintendent, Cecile Bonnar, over the summer – one-year contract until new provision in School Act is acclaimed.
- Superintendent evaluation criteria developed.
- Administration policies being developed with the assistance of A.S.B.A.
- Hired a part time Secretary-Treasurer until passage of Bill 16.
- Enrolment decreased due to opening of Francophone Public school in south Calgary.
- Survey of parents and staff being developed.

Linda Wellman – Calgary Separate

- Enrolment increase about 3% - over 100 new teachers hired.
- Board review of governance policies recently completed.
- Two Wards acclaimed. Wards restructured by City of Calgary.
- Expressed concern of the number of trustees acclaimed throughout Alberta – believes it was because of labor issues, compensation levels, inability to make decisions due to targeted funding and level of funding.
- Level of funding and targeted funding is leading to operating deficits.
- Need to review A.S.B.A. campaign encouraging people to run for trusteeship.

Pat Stutz – Canadian Rockies

- Two new school Boards in Canmore sharing facilities.
- Banff Community High School modernization planning underway. Building has been ranked as a heritage site which may cause difficulties.
- Acclamation in Exshaw. Canmore has four candidates for three positions and Banff has six candidates for three positions.
- Field trip policy – out-of-country trips planned will be proceeding.
- Special Education review is underway.
- Exchanged proposals with A.T.A. – not planning to meet until November.

Sharon Hester – Calgary Public

- Four Wards had acclaimed candidates and three Wards with elections.
- Candidates acclaimed – expressed disappointment about not being able to discuss their platform.
- Concerned with possible delay of south Calgary high school.
- Search for Chief Superintendent underway – will be hiring search firm shortly. Hope to have someone in place in early 2002.
- Enrolment up from projections.
- Field trips involving air travel and all-out-of-Canada trips have been cancelled.
- Calgary Home & School Association has broken away from provincial association.

Terry Patey – Rocky View School Division

- Six Wards acclaimed and one Ward with an election.
- Large number of changes in school administrators.
- Expressed appreciation to new Superintendent Lyall Thomson for his leadership.
- No out of country field trips allowed or field trips involving air travel.
- Issue of lunch breaks supervision under review.
- 2000/01 diploma and achievement test results released – excellent results.
- Closure of Conrich School process underway – October 13, 2001 is the date of meeting to consider closure notice of motion.
- Retirees and long service employees being honored tonight.

REPORTS

Ken Robertson - Alberta Learning

- Back to school kit worth reviewing.
- Curriculum handbook within back to school kit worth a look. These handbooks are currently under review.
- Parent input being sought on Special Education appeal and review process.
- Minister to release barriers to high school completion report shortly after the trustee election.
- Alberta Learning Zone 5 Services charter released for trustee information.
- Alberta Learning Zone 5 preparing a best practices report on various topics identified in Zone 5 Board's Three Year Education Plan.

Lorne Kosack – A.S.B.A. Zone 5 Director

- Reviewed written report attached to minutes.

Leroy Sloan – A.S.B.A. Report

- New trustee orientation session for January 20 – 22, 2002 in Edmonton. This orientation session for new trustees is being supplemented with daylong in-service sessions - Zone 5 session is scheduled for November 7, 2001.
- FGM is scheduled for November 18-20, 2001 – Board Chairs meeting following FGM.

Kim Salkeld – C.L.C.

- Outlined date and content of the next scheduled dinner meeting and in-service session.

Kathy Smith - Regional Consortium

- Provided an overview of the Professional Development opportunities available from the Regional Consortium.
- Outlined that Golden Hills Reaching and Teaching Conference is scheduled for April 10-13, 2002.
- Web site is worth a look at – www.rocky.ab.ca/crc

Graham Sewell and Linda Wellman - Edwin Parr Committee

- Portfolios to be given to Darrell Couture for return to candidate.
- A.S.B.A. review of Edwin Parr Award rumored to be occurring in the near future.

John Murray – Labour Relations

- Reviewed information provided from A.S.B.A. on recent settlements.
- Reviewed letter from Pembina Hills urging A.S.B.A. to continue to support labour relations assistance and training.

Darrell Couture – Treasurer Report

Reviewed financial statement of the Zone 5 general operating account for the period September 1, 2000 to August 30, 2001, and the financial report on the C.S.B.A. Breakfast Event

Linda Wellman moved that the Revenue and Expenditures for C.S.B.A. Breakfast be transferred to general operating account.

Carried.

Sharon Hester moved to accept the reports as circulated.

Carried.

A.S.B.A. Draft Policy & Directives for Action.

- Linda Wellman handed out Calgary Separates' comments on these proposed policies.

Next Zone 5 Meeting

- Pat Stutz moved that the next meeting of Zone 5 A.S.B.A. be held on October 26, 2001 rather than November 2, 2001. This meeting will be the annual general meeting of the Zone. Further, that the executive meeting of the Zone be held on October 25, 2001.

Carried.

- Lorne Kosack moved that **Maureen Munro and Linda Wellman** comprise the nominating committee for the Zone 5 annual general meeting, and further that if Maureen Munro or Linda Wellman refuse to serve, then Kim Salkeld be delegated to appoint replacement members.

Carried.

Kim Salkeld will e-mail all Boards as soon as possible, of change of meeting date and composition of the Nominating Committee.

A.S.B.A. Draft Policy & Directives for Action

Comments for Change:

Proposal No. 7

re provincial philosophy.

Proposal No. 8

re A.I.S.I. administration purposes explanation required.

Proposal No. 9

C.A.S.S. outline acronym.

Proposal No. 12

Change reference from Division II to Grades 4 to 6.

Proposal No. 13

Rocky View School Division agreed to remove 7th Step.

Proposal No. 16

re "most US states"

"most high school kids would be younger than drinking age".

Proposal No. 17

re add into the background information the legislative information.

Pat Stutz moved that the above amendments to A.S.B.A. proposed policies be forwarded to A.S.B.A.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

G8 Summit

Should there be disruptions, would Alberta Learning reschedule diploma exams? Mr. Murray moved that this issue be raised by A.S.B.A. with the Minister of Learning.

Suggested guest speakers for next meeting— Risk Assessment Officer and Jubilee Insurance.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

John Murray moved that the meeting adjourn at 1:57 p.m.

Carried.