

**Alberta School Board's Association – Zone 5
Minutes –April 27, 2001**

Call to order Kim Salkeld called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

In Attendance	Kim Salkeld	Rocky View
	Darrell Couture	Rocky View
	Lorne Kosack	Rocky View
	Terry Patey	Rocky View
	Graham Sewell	Foothills
	Donna Engel	ASBA
	Heather Rogers	ASBA
	Michelle Mulder	ASBA
	Linda Wellman	Calgary Catholic
	Judy MacKay	Calgary Catholic
	Cathy Smith	Golden Hills
	Shirley Reinhardt	Golden Hills
	Larry Maerz	Golden Hills
	Terry Pearson	Director – Zone 5 - Alberta Learning
	Chris Pollard	Francophone Public
	Evelyne Drouin	Francophone Catholic
	John Neill	Prairie Land
	Sharon Hester	Calgary Board of Education
	Kimberley Epp	Foothills School Division
	John Shannon	Christ the Redeemer
	Mary Stengler	Christ the Redeemer

Adoption of Agenda Lorne Kosack moved the agenda be approved. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes Terry Patey moved the minutes of March 23, 2001 be approved. Carried.

Business Arising None

Correspondence None

Board Sharing

Terry Patey – Rocky View

- Thanked Golden Hills for holding the *Reaching & Teaching* Conference
- Board Planning Session held on Monday and Tuesday
- Joint School Board/School Council Chairs meeting held on April 26, 2001. Discussion topics included: Budget, A.I.S.I. and C.O.S.C. (proposal rejected).
- Division Planning Priorities and Budget Presentation to Board on April 12, 2001.
- Zone Drama Festivals being held at Bert Church High School

Graham Sewell - Foothills

- Visioning
- Budget approved but needs to be amended given new grant announcement
- Red Deer Lake Student Conference

Linda Wellman – Calgary Separate

- Budget preparation
- New high school construction proceeding well

Shirley Reinhardt – Golden Hills

- Thanked Boards for supporting their *Reaching & Teaching* Conference
- Will be hosting the 2nd annual conference next year
- New Strathmore High School is under construction – slightly behind schedule
- New Strathmore Store Front School grand opening has been planned. (Minister of Learning, Dr. Oberg, will be in attendance.) Cosmetology being offered part-time at facility.
- Budget preparation
- Joint meeting with School Council Chairs

Sharon Hester – Calgary Public

- Budget preparation and review given Minister's announcement
- Finalized capital plan
- Dismissed Chief Superintendent in order to provide a change in leadership
- Identifying profile required for new Chief Superintendent
- Voted to close five elementary schools
- Commenced negotiations with teachers

John Shannon, Christ the Redeemer

- Agreement with Canadian Rockies to share a school in Canmore
- Hired new Superintendent, Peter Doyle

Evelyne Drouin - Francophone Catholic

- Search for superintendent ongoing with assistance of Dr. Sloan
- Ducharme Committee recommendations on governance forwarded to Alberta Government and are now being reviewed by Cabinet.

Chris Pollard - Francophone Public

- Budget preparation
- Capital plan request submitted but no response
- Ducharme Committee recommendation on governance is that no public francophone board be continued, and this is being reviewed by Cabinet.

John Neill – Prairie Land

- 2001-2004 Capital Plan being developed
- System evaluation being undertaken
- Undertaking a review of reserve requirements – have \$6 Million in reserves - what should reserve levels be?

New Business

Edwin Parr Awards – Shirley Reinhardt

Discussed planning for banquet for the 80 or so people attending.

Minister of Learning, Dr. Oberg, attending.

Calgary Separate, Linda Wellman, agreed to look after preparation of the program.

Sharon Hester, Calgary Public, agreed to organize the banquet dinner with the hotel staff.

Graham Sewell, Foothills, agreed to act as contact person and send invitations to Edwin Parr nominees.

Mary Stengler, Christ the Redeemer, agreed to collect and account for ticket revenue.

Shirley Reinhardt, Foothills, agreed to look after the flower centerpieces and gift bells.

Donna Engel, ASBA, will bring engraved apple for the winning Edwin Parr nominee.

Kim Salkeld, Rocky View, agreed to act as chair of the banquet.

Terry Patey, Rocky View, agreed to do the banquet blessing.

Reports

Terry Pearson - Alberta Learning

Highlighted the report and commented on the following:

School Buildings Board to be eliminated to streamline the process

Alberta Student Loan Relief program has been announced

Francophone governance issue being discussed at the Cabinet level.

Board Sharing Showcasing

Prairie Land – Art Aitken, Superintendent and Crystal Smith spoke on Prairie Land's Mentorship Program. Superintendent's desire is to change the paradigm of how learning and teaching was occurring in Prairie Land. Professional Development of teachers was seen as necessary through a mentorship model. Mentorship Program includes a pre-reading package, in-service of teachers by spending a week in Crystal's classroom on how to change teaching methods to engage kids and subsequent discussion sessions.

Reports continued

Heather Rogers – ASBA Budget Presentation

As per attachment

Lorne Kosack – Zone 5 Director Report

As per attachment

Michelle Mulder & Donna Engel – ASBA Report

Reported on:

- a) questions raised at last meeting
- b) Spring General Meeting

Linda Wellman responded to A.S.B.A. question on what should A.S.B.A. advocate for:

- flexibility of funding
- late capital funding announcements
- what role is utilization going to play relative to capital approval
- teacher shortages
- no increase in A.I.S.I. funding

Sharon Hester added:

- ability of Boards to deal with schools closed, i.e., Minister has said Calgary Board of Education must lease to charter schools.

Cathy Smith - Regional Consortium

Trying on-line meeting next time

Graham Sewell – Edwin Parr Committee

Edwin Parr Committee has interviewed nominees
Reviewed some minor problems with Edwin Parr process with A.S.B.A.
Linda Wellman suggested that Canadian Taxpayers Association Representative should be part of selection committee.

In-Camera Linda Wellman moved that the Zone 5 A.S.B.A. meeting move into an in-camera session. Carried.
Labour Relations issues were discussed

Out of In-Camera Linda Wellman moved that the Zone 5 A.S.B.A. meeting move out of in-camera Carried.
Moved by John Neill to accept reports for information Carried.

New Business

- **Sharon Hester - C.S.B.A.'s Summer Conference**
Zone 5 organizing pancake breakfast for 7:00 a.m. July 21. Need one person from each Board of the Zone to sit on the organizing committee. Boards are to e mail: shester@home.com or phone 242-0477 within one week. Need as well, three to five volunteers per Board to help at the breakfast and volunteers to solicit sponsorships.
- **FGM Policy Position** – At next meeting
- Linda Wellman outlined Calgary Separate's issues as she was not going to be at the May Zone meeting as follows:
 - remove requirement to fund health services at previous levels
 - integrated service model funding

John Neill on behalf of Prairie Land presented Michelle Mulder, ASBA with a student artwork for their new office.

Linda Wellman moved that the A.S.B.A. Zone 5 recognize Ron Taylor for his assistance and information sharing with the Zone. Carried.

Next Zone meeting is May 18 (Friday)

Adjournment Lorne Kosack moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.