

**Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5
Minutes – February 25, 2000**

Call to Order Pat Stutz called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and welcomed those in attendance.

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| In Attendance | Pat Stutz | Canadian Rockies |
| | John Neill | Prairie Land |
| | Graham Sewell | Foothills |
| | Jerry Muelaner | Foothills |
| | Kimberly Epp | Foothills |
| | Chris Pollard | Southern Francophone |
| | Len Millar | Christ the Redeemer |
| | Terry Patey | Rocky View |
| | John Murray | Rocky View |
| | Lois Byers | ASBA President |
| | Dorothy Haines | Alberta Learning |
| | Stan Cichon | Christ the Redeemer |
| | Dave MacKenzie | Canadian Rockies |
| | Lorne Kosack | Rocky View |
| | Linda Blasetti | Calgary Catholic |
| | Janina Diodati | Calgary Catholic |
| | Maureen Munro | Rocky View |
| | Shirley Reinhardt | Golden Hills |
| | Carolyn Kaiser | Foothills |

The Chair offered a special welcome to Chris Pollard and new member board, Greater Southern Francophone Education Region No. 4.

Adoption of Agenda Additions: Student Suspensions and Expulsions – Dorothy Haines, Alberta Learning.

Jerry Muelaner moved that the agenda be approved as amended.
Carried.

Adoption of Minutes Errors or omissions: Under the Golden Hills report – clarification changes to the wording.

Shirley Reinhardt moved that the minutes be approved as amended.
Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Correspondence

Board Sharing

Linda Blasetti – Calgary Catholic

- Board has serious concerns in regard to the status of high school math curriculum with post secondary institutions. A letter will be sent to the Minister requesting that he take a lead role in resolving this issue.

- The jurisdiction has implemented an outstanding professional development program providing inservices on the integration of computer technology into classroom learning.

Pat Stutz – Canadian Rockies

- Exshaw School modernization funding has been approved at \$2.9 million.
- Working with uncertainty regarding future student numbers after the recent formation of a Catholic jurisdiction in Canmore.
- ECS program policy being reviewed to address issues related to optional extended hour programs available within the jurisdiction.
- Two-day board planning session will be held at the end of the month.

Len Millar – Christ the Redeemer

- Still negotiating with ATA – hoping for a two-year agreement.
- Overcrowding in schools remains a high priority issue for the board.

Graham Sewell - Foothills

- The board recently met with municipal representatives within the jurisdiction to share discussion on future plans and issues.
- \$11 million in capital facility projects are underway.
- Board would appreciate feedback in regard to WHMIS awareness training initiatives that address all staff.

Shirley Reinhardt – Golden Hills

- Strong focus on career development initiatives – working with the Calgary Educational Partnership group and the Regional Consortium in this area.
- Board's policy on suspension and expulsion has been recently reviewed and revised.

Chris Pollard – Greater Southern Francophone Education Region

- Jurisdiction was established on February 1st – organizational meeting held on the 2nd.
- The board has hired an interim secretary-treasurer and a consulting firm to assist in recruiting an interim, and then permanent superintendent.

John Neill – Prairie Land

- Board has recently signed a collective agreement with support staff.

Terry Patey – Rocky View

- A successful professional development program for support staff was held on February 24th.
- The province's one-time funding grant has been distributed to school and jurisdiction wide initiatives.
- Jurisdiction is currently developing its AISI programs.

- Teacher, Vicki Hardage of Banded Peak School has recently been awarded a PanCanadian Students' Choice Award.

Questions

There were questions and discussion regarding the recent establishment of a separate school division in Canmore and the status of the ACSTA's proposal to the Minister of Learning to expand the boundaries of existing Catholic jurisdictions to include all areas of Alberta.

Reports

Lorne Kosack - ASBA Zone Director

- Lorne distributed the Highlights report from the Board of Directors meeting of February 10-11, 2000
- ASBA Fees and Fundraising Committee - request that boards forward information on fees and fundraising policies to Michele Mulder at ASBA.
- Jubilee Insurance Agencies Steering Committee – suggestion that a representative from Jubilee be invited to a future Zone meeting to make a presentation on active issues.

Lois Byers - ASBA President

- Lois provided information on:
 - The provincial budget and education funding
 - The Partnership Vision Document
 - Growth and Density Task Force
 - Regulatory Reform Update
 - High school math issues

Dorothy Haines – Alberta Learning

- Dorothy summarized the content of the written report provided.

Board Showcasing

Dorothy Haines - Alberta Learning Presentation – Student Suspension and Expulsion

- Sections of the School Act relating to student suspension and expulsion have been amended.
- Dorothy's presentation highlighted the following topics:
 - Changes to the School Act
 - Role of the Principal in an expulsion
 - Role of the Board in an expulsion
 - Role of the Minister in an expulsion
 - Fairness of the process
 - School jurisdiction's rules on suspension and expulsion
 - Age of the student.

Lunch

Reports (continued)

John Murray – Labour Relations

- Labour Relations Workshop "Map Your Journey" will be held on March 22 in Red Deer.

Guest Speaker

Barry Pendergast – Researching Research at the University of Calgary – “A Curious Pursuit”

- Mr. Pendergast has been involved in a project of the U of C Senate relating to the role and significance of research in a university context.
- The Curious Pursuit project was born out of a pride in the research activities at the U of C and a wish to contribute to a greater understanding of them by the local, national, and international communities.

Reports (continued)

CLL – No report

Graham Sewell – Teacher Preparation

- No meeting since last report.

Regional Consortium – No report

Maureen Munro – Edwin Parr

- No meeting since last report.

Dave MacKenzie – Treasurer

- Financial report distributed.

Carolyn Kaiser moved that the reports be received as information.
Carried.

New Business

- Questions/topics for Minster’s visit:
 - High school math
 - School councils
 - Co terminus boundaries
 - Transportation issues
 - Over-crowded schools
- It was suggested that a discussion of the issues related to the return of home schooling students into the classroom be put on the agenda of a future Zone meeting.

Adjournment

John Neill moved to adjourn at 2:10 PM.
Carried