

Alberta School Board's Association – Zone 5

Minutes – February 23, 2001

- Call to order** Kim Salkeld called the meeting to order at 9:35 and welcomed those in attendance.
- In Attendance**
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| Odette Pettem | Conseils scolaires Catholique et francophones du Sud de l'Alberta |
| Ron Taylor | Alberta Learning |
| Pat Stutz | Canadian Rockies |
| Lynn Nishimura | Calgary Board of Education |
| Sharon Hester | Calgary Board of Education |
| Jim McLellan | Foothills |
| Jerry Muelaner | Foothills |
| Graham Sewell | Foothills |
| Linda Wellman | Calgary Catholic |
| John Murray | Rocky View |
| Kathy Smith | Golden Hills |
| Larry Maerz | Golden Hills |
| Lorne Kosack | Rocky View |
| Shirley Reinhardt | Golden Hills |
| Garry McKinnon | Golden Hills |
| Terry Patey | Rocky View |
| Kim Salkeld | Rocky View |
| Lois Byers | ASBA |
| Mary Stengler | Christ the Redeemer |
| John Neill | Prairie Land |
| Arlene Dow | Prairie Land |
- Adoption of Agenda** Terry Patey moved the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.
- Adoption of Minutes** Terry Patey moved the minutes be approved as amended. Carried.
- Business Arising** Lorne Kosack reported that Physical Education and CPR curriculum issues would be discussed at the March meeting of ASBA.
- Correspondence** None
- Board Sharing**
- Sharon Hester – Calgary Board of Education**
- Path finding teams will be bringing forward their recommendations in the next month with the Board hoping to increase utilization
 - Infrastructure has informed the Board that closed schools may have to be leased to charter schools
 - Unable to release the independent field trip report until the insurance company completes its investigation and closes the file

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- Budget discussions beginning soon
- Trying to get public education on the agenda of campaigning candidates in the upcoming election
- Contingency plans are in place to ensure students are able to get to school during the transit strike

Pat Stutz - Canadian Rockies

- Board is investigating the LOGOS program at the request of interest groups
- Francophone board - positive and collaborative discussions
- Concern over a proposed field trip to Tanzania in July 2002 – must either approve or ask that students do it completely outside of the school context
- Focus groups – sampled format at Zone 5 and are very happy with the process
- Do any jurisdictions send trustees to the US school board association meeting?
- Six of seven board members will not be seeking re-election

Christ the Redeemer – Mary Stengler

- Held a Board retreat dealing with governance
- Hosted a Principal's retreat which pertained to behavior descriptive interviewing
- Registrations are ongoing in Strathmore with both Boards keeping each other informed
- Dealing with facilities issues in Canmore

Foothills - Graham Sewell

- Reviewing field trip policy with concerns over a proposed trip to Leeds
- Reviewing alcohol at school functions policy after recent court ruling
- Capital plan filed with Alberta Learning
- Met with Christ the Redeemer
- Holding a Visioning session on March 12 as a planning instrument for the next 2-3 years

Golden Hills - Shirley Reinhardt

- 2001-2002 calendar approved
- Registration held in Strathmore with all students being required to re-register
- Redefined school division boundaries – children split a bit in the rural area
- Safe and caring school presentation – renamed to *Safe Schools are for Everyone*
- Put together a Safe and Caring Schools survey for grades 1-3, 4-6, and 7-12 to go out in conjunction with school satisfaction survey in March
- Trochu school – grade 9 class said they wouldn't smoke until after grade 12 and are now graduating as a smoke-free class
- Submission for the Pan-Canadian Learning Innovation award has been completed
- Met with Dr. Oberg and had discussions about school facilities, busing (fuel), facilities project, 4X4, basic level of funding and senior high math program

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- Surpluses at the school level give the perception that there is adequate funding; Lois Byers noted that some boards cap the amount a school can carry forward in surplus
- Regional teacher conference is above expectations with 1,200 registrants – Pan Canadian gave \$15,000 toward key note speaker

Conseils scolaires Catholique et francophone du Sud de l'Alberta – Odette Pettem

- Discussions ongoing regarding governance
- Staffing agreement with Calgary Catholic for 2001-02 – plans for secondment to the Francophone board
- Looking at full time ECS in 2002-03

Prairie Land – John Neill

- 2001-02 calendar approved
- 3 year planning underway with all site leaders and trustees participating
- Dr. Oberg visited Morrin and Delia schools
- Reorganized mechanic services

Rocky View – Terry Patey

- School calendar - moved two PD days from March to get a full week off during the 3rd week in Feb as a trial in 2001-02
- Support staff development day – 400 participated in various workshops
- Joint Board and School Council meeting was well attended
- Meningitis – grade 9 students were included in the inoculation campaign
- New superintendent, Lyall Thomson, starts March 1

Calgary Catholic – Linda Wellman

- Transit strike – schools are open one hour earlier and later to allow parents to make arrangements for student transportation
- Governance policy review will be topic of a retreat
- Family of Schools meeting (Councils) – a trustee is responsible for each “family” allowing for more dialog and mutual influence
- An 18 person District Advisory Council with an urban and rural perspective held its annual meeting with the Board
- City council has approved realigned boundaries – asked for no input from the school board but resulted in significant changes for three trustees
- High school boundary realignment is an issue but addresses the long term needs of all high school students
- Lack of capital has hampered facility planning – desperate need of high school in the north end
- Public forum was held where class size was an issue – if class size is mandated, the Board has concern over classroom space and lack of teaching staff

Reports

ASBA Zone Director – Lorne Kosack

– report distributed

Alberta Learning – Ron Taylor

– report distributed (at meeting)

ASBA – Lois Byers

- Outcomes committee has completed work with the report out shortly
- School Works media release – calling for the removal of school boards
- Peace River court case on school fees – ASBA working to overturn the ruling on behalf of all school boards
- *Youth Justice Act* is expected to be passed – boards are already using a major part
- Continuing to look at the impact of full-day ECS
- Results (56 respondents) from 4X4 process faxed out yesterday – 28 indicated support; 22 indicated non-support; 4 school boards abstained

Board Showcasing

Sharon Hester introduced Calgary Public's "Career Pathways" program specialists Debbie Vance and Steve Makowski. Handouts were distributed about the program, which is a multi-year sequence of career guidance, related coursework and work-based learning experiences

Reports (continued)

CCC: Karen Harries

Next session is scheduled for March 21: It takes a Village

ASEBP: Karen Harries

- Board has tabled September 2001 ASEBP proposed rate increases

Regional Consortium – Kathy Smith

- Evaluation of executive director is complete
- Reaching and Teaching conference has 1,200 registrants, with 1,500 expected – beginning to plan for next year's conference
- Annual meeting is to be held in May
- Three year draft plan has been tabled

Edwin Parr – no report

- Banquet – originally booked for May 24/25 is changed to 17/18
- Sharon Hester and Mary Stengler will make banquet arrangements

Labour Relations – John Murray

- Report distributed
- Feb 9 – LIST meeting – secure e-mail sent via Darrell
- March 9 next meeting – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Encourage some MLA's to attend the May LIST meeting

Treasurer's Report – Darrell Couture

- report distributed

Pat Stutz moved that all reports be accepted for information.

Carried.

New Business

- CSBA conference July 19 through 21; pancake breakfast may be a zone event and may also consider hosting a hospitality room
Calgary Public and Catholic Boards will be willing to assist as needed
Lois Byers suggested that each provincial board be matched with a visiting board
Suggested that Donna Engel from ASBA be invited to the next Zone meeting to discuss CSBA plans and how Zone 5 may best help

Adjournment John Neill moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.