

**Alberta School Board's Association – Zone 5**

**Minutes – March 23, 2001**

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

<b>In Attendance</b>	Graham Sewell	Foothills
	Donna Engel	ASBA
	David Anderson	ASBA
	Linda Wellman	Calgary Catholic
	Marlene Lambe	Calgary Catholic
	Karen Harries	Golden Hills
	Maureen Munro	Rocky View
	Wendy Metzger	Rocky View
	John Murray	Rocky View
	Terry Patey	Rocky View
	Terry Pearson	Alberta Learning
	Lorne Kosack	Rocky View
	Ron Taylor	Alberta Learning
	Larry Maerz	Golden Hills
	Chris Pollard	Francophone Public
	Evelyne Drouin	Francophone Catholic

**Adoption of Agenda** Maureen Munro moved the agenda be approved. Carried.

**Adoption of Minutes** John Murray moved the minutes be approved. Carried.

**Business Arising** None

**Correspondence** None

**Board Sharing**

**Graham Sewell - Foothills**

- Board had a “Visioning Exercise” as a means for planning for the future with 40 people attending, including high school students and school councils
- Accountability commitments will prepare students for 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Phase 1 is to Listen and Learn

**John Neill – Prairie Land**

- Three year Tech plan draft has been presented to the Board
- Field trips to UK have been cancelled

**Larry Maerz - Golden Hills**

- The 2001 Reaching and Teaching Conference now has 1,400 registrants - plans for 2002 are progressing
- Strathmore store front has relocated
- Working with the Town of Strathmore on the new high school
- Annual report is out
- 2001-02 budget is progressing but is proving challenging when revenue levels are uncertain

**Linda Wellman – Calgary Catholic**

- In need of two new high schools
- Budget prep is well underway but are struggling without definite information as to funding levels
- Policy review on governance is going well

**Evelyne Drouin- Francophone Catholic**

- Took part in ADEON conference - meeting of all western Francophone boards
- Hired a cultural facilitator
- Searching for Superintendent
- No full time ECS for next year

**Chris Pollard - Francophone Public**

- Attended ADEON conference - all participating Boards are committed to find distance learning solutions
- Hosted a retreat and planning sessions in Canmore – focus on existing initiatives
- ESL programming at differing levels is underway with a hope to include preschool
- Introducing Spanish as second language courses on a trial basis
- Partnership in Lethbridge was ratified
- Negotiations with Calgary Public are progressing well – idea of creating a French Campus
- Partnership with Canadian Rockies in Canmore is going well – accepting registration for K-6 school
- Finding difficulties with Governance re Alberta Learning – working with sister board to be sure visions are complementary

**Terry Patey - Rocky View**

- Undertook an engineering study on roads busses are using – Board found the study very useful and recommends other boards undertake a similar exercise
- Transportation rates are \$40 for rural and \$60 for urban students
- Superintendent started March 1
- Transportation committee is in negotiations with small contractors
- Meeting with MD and Transportation – looking at joint issues of concern

**Calgary Public**

Ron Taylor – Calgary Public sends their regrets for not being able to attend the meeting

## Reports

### **Ron Taylor - Alberta Learning**

- Report distributed
- Introduced new Director – Terry Pearson who brings the core team up to four
- Ron was questioned on the issue of school fees with a general discussion on the implications of the court case ASBA is pursuing and the Minister's comments

### **Lorne Kosack – ASBA Zone Director**

- Report distributed
- 4 X 4 issue is coming to a close - the result of the ASBA vote has been forwarded to the Minister
- Budget will be presented at Zone April meeting – propose increase of 3%
- New guidelines for partnerships
- CPR – urging Minister to go through regular protocol

### **David Anderson - ASBA**

- Report distributed
- Ontario introduced literacy tests in High School – Over 30% failed at grade 10 level
- Outcomes consultation meeting to be jointly hosted by ASBA and CASS on April 9
- George Walker is seriously ill, leaving labour staff facing timing issues
- Legal department is also under pressure resulting in the hiring of one new position and one contract position
- CSBA – Youth Criminal Justice Act up for discussion – CSBA supports the emphasis on prevention, but believes the section on informing schools when criminal justice staff are in the school needs improvement
- Change in Deputy Minister - Don Ford
- Spring General Meeting June 4-5 – Capri in Red Deer; ASBA will be hosting a golf tournament on Sunday afternoon with registration for the tournament limited to 40 participants
- David asked that Boards consider ASBA's focus for the upcoming year
- ASBA does not, at this time, recommend canceling student trips to Europe – comprehensive information has been sent to Superintendents

## **Board Sharing**

Terry Patey introduced Lyall Thomson, new Superintendent for Rocky View

Rocky View shared two topics – Code of Conduct for Sports Activities, and

Cam Clark Ford partnership for CTS programming  
Handouts for both programs were distributed

## **Guest Speaker**

Pat Cocks – Alberta Learning – Special Education Review  
Handouts were made available

## **Reports (Continued)**

**CLL: Karen Harries**

- Last session on Wednesday
- In process of determining direction/focus for future seminars

**ASEBP: Karen Harries**

- September 2001 rate increases have received 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading
- Spring planning session is scheduled for the last part of April

**Teacher Preparation: Graham Sewell**

- Report attached
- Another meeting is planned for late May or early June

**Edwin Parr Committee**

- Candidate interviews are set for April 23

**In-Camera**

Lorne Kosack moved to go in-camera

Carried

Personnel issues were discussed

**Out of In-Camera**

Linda Wellman moved to go out of in-camera

Carried

**Labour Relations – John Murray**

- Report distributed

**Treasurer’s Report**

- Report distributed

John Neill moved that all reports be accepted for information.

Carried.

**New Business**

- ASBA Spring Conference: consensus of the group was that spring conferences continue to be held in Red Deer
- Zone 5 guest speakers: follows suggestions for future topics  
ASEBP  
Upcoming Election
- Zone 5 representation at ASBA board meetings – it was suggested that it may be more useful for the Zone 5 chairperson to attend other Zone meetings other than ASBA Board meetings
- CSBA Summer Conference - Donna Engel  
Zone 5 – pancake breakfast  
Zone 1 – preparing placemats, pictures and maps  
Zone 2/3 – neck scarves  
Others – no definite plans as yet  
Looking for a sponsor for Stetsons  
Registration forms now available and hotels are filling quickly  
Minister is hosting a golf tournament in advance of conference

**Next Zone meeting is April 27 (Friday)**

**Adjournment**

John Neill moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM