

Alberta School Board Association – Zone 5
Minutes: May 19, 2000

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

In Attendance	Kimberly Epp	Foothills
	Graham Sewell	Foothills
	Lorne Kosack	Rocky View
	John Murray	Rocky View
	Shirley Reinhardt	Golden Hills
	Garry McKennon	Golden Hills
	Len Miller	Christ the Redeemer
	Marg Stengler	Christ the Redeemer
	David Anderson	ASBA
	Suzanne Lundigan	ASBA
	Michele Mulder	ASBA
	Chris Pollard	Southern Francophone
	John Neill	Prairie Land
	Maureen Munro	Rocky View
	Kathy Smith	Golden Hills
	Linda Wellman	Calgary Catholic

Adoption of Agenda Shirley Reinhardt moved that the agenda be approved
Carried.

Adoption of Minutes Graham Sewell moved that the minutes be approved as presented.
Carried.

Shirley Reinhardt noted that Zone appreciates the minutes as soon as possible after the meeting

Business Arising from the Minutes

March 23/2001 is the preferred alternate meeting date in March 2001.
Lunch costs are going up in 2000-01 to \$14.50
Edwin Parr will be held May 24/2001
Election – to be held later in the meeting

Correspondence None

Board Sharing

John Neill – Prairie Land

- Board has adopted the 2000 –01 budget and the 3-year education plan

Chris Pollard – Southern Francophone

- Board has an agreement with Calgary Public for transfer of Queen's Park School – in time for 2000 school year
- Calendar in three jurisdictions has been established – one of which is built into the collective agreement
- Passed first reading of their vision and mission statements
- Adopted 1st reading on transportation – going to tender shortly
- Met with Minister of Infrastructure in conjunction with other Francophone boards throughout the province and presented a 10-year capital plan
- Negotiations continue to proceed positively with Calgary Catholic on a proposed school transfer
- Invited to Medicine Hat in regard to a request to open a Francophone program there

Mary Stengler – Christ the Redeemer

- Approved the 2000-01 budget
- Approved purchase of two cars for administration
- Working on hiring teachers and a Transportation Supervisor

Shirley Reinhardt – Golden Hills

- Alberta Learning has approved their five AISI projects, totaling \$755,000
- Have been approved for Galileo project which is designed to promote tech integration in schools
- Approved the 2000-01 budget
- Have begun ATA negotiations with the focus on interest based bargaining
- Hosting a Leadership and Learning Conference on April 4 – 7, 2001 at the Telus Convention Centre
- Gretchin Cornish, a Golden Hills first year teacher, was winner of Zone Edwin Parr

Terry Patey – Rocky View

- Enjoyed Edwin Parr banquet and awards evening
- Two schools have won the Trans Alta Project where students submit projects that enhance the environment – each comes with a \$10,000 award
- Rocky View won the Pan Canadian student choice award
- Band instructor won the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence
- Met with MD of Rocky View and Airdrie to strengthen relationships

Graham Sewell - Foothills

- The 2000-01 budget has been presented, to be ratified May 25; it maintains the current PTR
- Ratified employment agreements with bus drivers and para-professionals; 3% increase

Linda Wellman – Calgary Catholic

- Budget has evolved into a monitoring process with the Board more focused on educational programs and ensuring equity between schools
- Budget is a good news report because it was possible, with the use of one time funds and AISI projects, to not make any programming cuts
- St. Mary's Girls School still has an uncertain future
- Francophone issue is on-going and hopefully will be resolved soon; Calgary Catholic sees the best resolution to be the establishment of a Catholic Francophone Board

Pat Stutz – Canadian Rockies

- Have established a balanced budget but may need to change the PTR to make it work – raising to 17.3
- Fraser Institute study doesn't favour all types of schools, especially those where the demographics are constantly shifting
- On-going discussions with Christ the Redeemer in regard to the establishment of a Catholic school in Canmore
- The Board is pleased with the AISI process, with all stakeholders extremely involved along the way
- Tech outcomes have resulted in teachers doing a lot of work outside of the regular sessions
- Banff High School students won a provincial competition on their Drug Free film production with it going on to federal competition

Election of Zone Director and Alternate

- Kathy Smith – reported from nominating committee that Jerry Muelaner would put his name forward as alternate
- Shirley Reinhardt nominated Lorne Kosack for Zone Director
There were no further nominations
John Murray move nominations cease
Proclaimed – Lorne Kosack
- Kimberly Epp moved Jerry Muelaner for alternate
There were no further nominations
Shirley Reinhardt moved nominations cease
Proclaimed – Jerry Muelaner

Reports

Alberta Learning – No Report

Alberta Learning has reorganized with all directors now working out of Edmonton – Randy Clark is the director for this zone

Lorne Kosack – ASBA Zone Director
Report attached

Michelle Mulder – ASBA Vice-President, David Anderson – Executive Director

- Board self-evaluation document may be something that Zones are interested in reviewing
- Would like to commend Lorne Kosack on the superb job in bringing forward Zone issues
- Recognize the Edwin Parr Committee and Shirley Reinhardt's work in putting together a well organized evening
- ASBA is putting together an Action plan for ECS which recommends that ECS be funded in a manner similar to other students; the plan is not out to Boards yet but has gone forward to the Minister
- Math curriculum – Dr. Oberg has stated that UofA won't accept the Applied Math in any faculty with the possibility of SAIT and NAIT also drawing back
- ASBA has flagged new Social Studies curriculum as having potential problems
- Bill 206 (students code of conduct) which is a private members bill has received 3rd reading and will probably be proclaimed: Lois Byers has talked with the Minister and he's aware that Boards have policies that go down to school level

Motion to move in camera – Maureen Munro

Motion to move out of in-camera – John Neill

Lunch

Karen Harries – CLL No Report

Lorne Kosack for John Murray – Labour Relations

- Eight boards have settled their 1999-00 contracts with an average increase of 3.36%
- Four boards have settled for 2000-01 with an average increase of 2.94%
- The Provincial 1999-00 average increase was 3.18%
- Within the province, 18 Boards have settled for 2000-01 with an average increase of 3.00% and 3.25% in 2001-02
- Zone 5 may establish Labour information sharing sessions as other regions are doing with a proposed meeting date of Sept 15 – 10:00-3:00 at Rocky View's Board Office
- All trustees and admin staff involved in labour negotiations will be invited to share information and expertise

- Zone will ask ASBA to pull together contracts for visual comparison

Graham Sewell – Teacher Preparation – No Meeting

Kathy Smith – Regional Consortium – No Meeting

Maureen Munro – Edwin Parr

- Maureen would like to thank everyone involved for a very successful awards evening
- Part of the Edwin Parr package was reviewed: It was suggested that ASBA review the point scale, giving consideration to awarding 10% of the end mark for a letter from the nominee regarding his/her educational philosophy etc.

Linda Wellman moved to accept the Edwin Parr report along with their recommendations, and that the recommendations go forward to ASBA for their consideration.

Carried.

Dave MacKenzie – Treasurer's Report

Report attached

Mary Stengler moved that the reports be received as information.

Carried.

Guest Speaker

Michele Mulder – ASBA Vice-President

- ASBA is putting together a report on school fees and fund raising
- The Committee is looking at 3 key areas: equity, accountability, and opportunity of access for students
- Fees should be the same within each jurisdiction and consideration given for hardship cases and capped for large families
- School fee schedule should be given to each parent at the beginning of year, with all fees included; at the end of the year, schools should be required to submit a statement of account that ensures that the money was spent where it was designated

- Hoping to have draft ready for Spring general meeting

New Business

Issues for FGM

- ASBA Zone 5 Issues for FGM 2000 were distributed; Boards are asked to forward their top three priorities to Pat Stutz by May 31 – via e-mail at pstutz@telusplanet.net

Adjournment

Linda Wellman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 PM

Carried