

**Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5
Minutes – September 29, 2000**

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

In Attendance	Pat Stutz	Canadian Rockies
	Dave MacKenzie	Canadian Rockies
	Graham Sewell	Foothills
	Jerry Muelaner	Foothills
	Carolyn Kaiser	Foothills
	Lynn Nishimura	Calgary Board of Education
	Sharon Hester	Calgary Board of Education
	John Shannon	Christ the Redeemer
	Mary Stengler	Christ the Redeemer
	Terry Patey	Rocky View
	John Murray	Rocky View
	Michele Mulder	ASBA Vice-President
	Karin Engen	ASBA
	Karen Harries	Golden Hills
	Lorne Kosack	Rocky View
	Linda Wellman	Calgary Catholic
	Shirley Reinhardt	Golden Hills
	Maureen Munro	Rocky View
	Jim McLellan	Foothills
	Chris Pollard	Conseil Scolaire Du Sud
	Louis Edmond	Conseil Scolaire Du Sud
	Ron Taylor	Alberta Learning
	John Blevins	Alberta Learning

Adoption of Agenda Additions:
Reports ASEBP – Karen Harries
New Business (b) PUF Grants

John Murray moved that the agenda be approved as amended.
Carried.

Adoption of Minutes Shirley Reinhardt moved that the minutes be approved.
Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

The Zone Nomination Committee of Jerry Muellaner and Kathy Smith are awaiting calls from trustees that will let their name stand for election to the Zone Board.

Kathy Smith 403-442-2337
Jerry Muelaner 403-933-4611

Correspondence ASBA President, Lois Byers, has asked that Zones discuss labour relations issues in-camera.

Board Sharing Graham Sewell - Foothills

- High River trustee, Dean Cowling, has resigned. A by-election was avoided, as there was only one nomination.

- The past year ended with a number of administrative transfers, which caused considerable anxiety. All is now quiet again.
- Enrolment has grown by about 100 students to 6,500.
- Lois Hole, the Lt. Governor visited Foothills to participate in the "Carrots from Caring Kids" program. She was truly wonderful as she praised teachers and trustees and stressed the importance of education.
- The Board has cut back to one board meeting a month from two on a trial basis.

Mary Stengler – Christ the Redeemer

- Enrolment up 7% overall – 12% in Brooks, 9% in Okotoks.
- The increase in kindergarten hours has been implemented.
- Raychel Rose has been hired as Special Education Director. Previous director, Dr. Bertha Wilson has taken on the position of assisting in new teacher orientation and evaluation.
- A new CTS lab has been opened in St. Anthony's school in Drumheller.
- An IOP program has been established at Holy Spirit Academy in Okotoks.
- The high school in High River has been split off from Holy Spirit Academy and is now called Notre Dame Collegiate. There are separate principals and separate School Councils at Holy Spirit and Notre Dame even though they share the same building.
- Advanced Placement programs have been established at the high schools in High River and Brooks.

Chris Pollard – Conseil Scolaire Du Sud

- In July the Authority was dissolved and split into a separate and public authority.
- Currently there is one Catholic school on the separate side, and three schools on the public side.
- All staff from Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Calgary were invited to a joint session in Calgary. – a very successful initiative.
- On September 27th four new trustees were elected to the Catholic Francophone Authority.

Golden Hills – Shirley Reinhardt

- The population of Strathmore has gone beyond 7,000 and so Strathmore will increase from one trustee to two in the 2001 elections.
- With the transfer of one school to the Separate Board, remaining schools have restructured.
- Galileo project has been established at Strathmore High School.
- The new high school will open in August 2001.
- Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Braun has accepted a position with Alberta Learning. Recruitment process has begun.
- The division's Learning Together initiative has been submitted for the Premier's Excellence Award.

Rocky View – Terry Patey

- Three new schools have opened.
- Funding has been approved for Bearspaw school to open in 2002.
- Enrolment is up by about 500.

- The division's director of planning has received an award from the Council of Education Facility Planners.
- Long Service and Retirements Banquet will be held on Sept. 29.
- Superintendent Colleen Brownlee has announced her retirement.

Linda Wellman – Calgary Catholic

- All AISI projects have been approved by Alberta Learning.
- All 475-hour kindergarten programs are all up and running.
- The Board has been meeting with parents in the Rocky View area

Sharon Hester – Calgary Public

- Changes to kindergarten hours have been made.
- A new elementary school has been opened with 226 students.
- Overall enrolment is up by about 1,000.
- Provincial achievement test results are up.
- Public consultation is underway on three policies:
 - ECS
 - Education end statements
 - Alternative programs
- Board is currently reviewing school attendance areas.
- Lost Coast Trail report has been issued.

Pat Stutz – Canadian Rockies

- Board is pleased with increased funding to ECS – additional hours have been implemented.
- A by-election will be held on November 1st in the Canmore ward. Trustee Beveridge is moving to Perth, Ontario.
- Exshaw school modernization continues.
- A \$3.2 million modernization to Banff Community High School in the planning phase.
- The Board is moving to a portfolio model for the superintendent evaluation.
- No growth in student enrollment.

Questions

Reports

Alberta Learning – Ron Taylor

- Ron provided highlights of the written report provided.
- Please let Ron know of any changes or additions that boards would like to see in the Field Services Report.
- If possible, the Field Services Report will be distributed with the monthly Zone agenda.

Lorne Kosack - ASBA Zone Director

- Lorne distributed the Highlights report from the Board of Directors meeting of Sept. 8-9, 2000.
- ASBA Director, Karin Engen, of Wolf Creek School Division, provided an update on the draft Joint Property Tax Council Business Plan.

Board Showcasing

Christ the Redeemer – Skills Program
Presenters – Tara Jamieson and Mary Ann Noack

The Skills Program is designed to assist under achieving students in grades three to nine who demonstrate average and above average potential to become independent successful learners primarily in Language Arts and/or Mathematics. Philosophy – “Don’t let them slip through the cracks.”

Karen Harries – CLL Report

- The next CLL session is October 24th, “Education as a Moral Activity”.
- Future sessions: November 28, February 8, March 21.
- The Summer 2000 Leadership Institute hosted 34 participants – very successful program.

Karen Harries - ASEBP

- ASEBP Information Session to be held October 3rd.
- ASEBP is being sued by a participating school board over the issue of benefit surcharges.

Graham Sewell – Teacher Preparation

- The Board is under going a change of structure – it is now the Teacher Preparation Advisory Committee – about 25 members on the committee.
- Galileo and international partnerships are going well.
- A student resource centre is being established at U of C campus.

Maureen Munro – Edwin Parr

- Please remind principals to be thinking about nominees for the Edwin Parr award.

Dave MacKenzie- Treasurer Report

- 1999-2000 year end financial report was provided.
- It was suggested that the executive consider the establishment of a lunch fee to help offset increased meal costs.

Lunch

Guest Speaker

Karin Engen – ASBA Guiding Principles and Policies for FGM

- Ms. Engen presented the draft ASBA Guiding Principles and made note of comments and suggested changes to the principles. The proposed policies for the Fall General Meeting were also presented for feedback.

Shirley Reinhardt moved that the meeting go in-camera at 2:25 PM for discussion of labour relations issues. Carried.

Carolyn Kaiser moved that the meeting come out-of-camera at 2:47 PM. Carried.

John Murray – Labour Relations

- The ASBA Zone 5 Labour Relations Report was distributed with the agenda.
- Zone 5 has established LIST, a labour information sharing and training group with the following goals:

- To share collective agreements and experiences in bargaining.
- To maintain a current perspective on labour relations throughout the province.
- To identify common issues, interests, and strategies.

Karen Harries moved that the reports be received as information.
Carried.

New Business

- Please contact Kathy Smith or Jerry Muelaner in regard to nominations for the Zone executive.
- Foothills Superintendent, Jim McLellan, suggested that boards and administration take note of the fact that PUF funding did not increase to match the increase in hours and funding for ECS.

Adjournment

Shirley Reinhardt moved to adjourn at 2:50 PM. Carried