

**Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5**  
**Friday, April 1, 2011**  
**Rocky View Schools**  
**2651 Chinook Winds Drive**  
**Airdrie, AB**

**In Attendance:**

Helen Clease (Chair)	Rocky View Schools
Carol Bazinet (Vice-Chair)	Calgary Board of Education
Jerry Muelaner	Foothills School Division
Yvan Beaubien	CSFSA
Marge Belcourt	CSSD
Bev LePeare	Rocky View Schools
Randy Clarke	Alberta Education
David Anderson	ASBA
Jacque Hansen	ASBA
Jim Gibbons	ASBA
Anne-Marie Boucher	CSFSA
Larry Maerz	Golden Hills School Division
Janet Wolinger	Golden Hills School Division
Hans Woehleke	Christ the Redeemer Catholic
Sheila Snowsell	Canadian Rockies
Angie Warwick	Prairie Land School Division
Colleen Munro	Rocky View Schools
Mary Stengler	Christ the Redeemer Catholic
Mary Martin	CSSD

**Call to Order**

Chair Helen Clease called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Introductions were made and a special welcome extended to Jim Gibbons from ASBA who will be doing the presentation later during the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Marge Belcourt that the agenda be approved as submitted. Carried**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by Angie Warwick that the Minutes dated March 4, 2011, be approved as submitted. Carried**

**Correspondence:**

- Helen advised of various correspondence received.

### **Zone 2/3 Meeting – Update**

- Helen and Carol attended the Zone 2/3 March meeting and gave a brief report of that meeting. Helen and Carol will only bill for mileage to that meeting and one hotel room. Helen indicated that it has been suggested that we do the Zone 2/3 presentation at our May meeting. There was value in attending and to see how they run their meeting. Carol described their meeting structure – do we want a more formal structure (approach microphone, introduce yourself and then speak)? Meeting with MLA's – does it work? They seem to have a good relationship with them – about 15 out of 42 MLAs show up to their advocacy meeting. When they present to MLAs, they focus on what is good for all school boards so that MLAs are really informed about educational issues. Attending this meeting also formed a great zone-to-zone relationship.

### **Financial Report**

- Reviewed the updated financial report.

**Moved by Jerry Muelaner to approved the financial report ending March 31, 2011.**

**Carried**

### **June Zone Rep (Executive) Meeting – Date & Agenda Items**

- Discussion. Zone rep meeting scheduled for the afternoon of May 20 following the regular meeting.
- Suggested agenda items: detailed Zone 2/3 report; discussion about best practices; budget; format zone meetings for next year; set dates for meetings. Trustees were encouraged to email Helen or Rita for other suggested agenda items.

### **Discussion/resolution re ASBA procedures, bylaws**

Each board was asked to present their submission.

Prairie Land – Angie Warwick indicated it has been rewritten slightly (distributed). Discussion as to whether this is a directive for action or policy statement (Teaching Certificate). David Anderson said this is a policy.

Rocky View – Bev LaPeare spoke to their proposed policy position (Assessment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century).

Christ the Redeemer – Mary Stengler spoke to the proposed policy position (Awarding Construction Contracts – low bid).

Calgary Catholic – Marge Belcourt spoke to this proposed policy position (ESL Needs).

## REPORTS

### **ASBA Director's Report, Anne-Marie Boucher**

- The Board of Directors approved the draft 2011-12 ASBA Budget for presentation to its members. ASBA will present the budget to Zone 5 on May 20.
- ASBA has responded to Wild Rose Public Schools' request for a Directive for Action re mental health promotion and prevention for all school children.
- Collins Barrow LLP has been re-appointed as the auditors for ASBA for the year ending August 31, 2011.

### **ASBA Executive, Jacquie Hansen & David Anderson**

- Vis-à-vis Newsletter – encouraged Boards to consider subscribing. If more Boards subscribe, then ASBA will be able to continue to provide this service. This is a newsletter/webinar service.
- Board of Directors responded to a Directive for Action (Mental Health Capacity). ASBA has sent a letter to government urging them to keep this in mind.
- Also approved the Strategic Plan that will go to 2014.
- Will be going to NSBA next week and will having a chat with the CSBA President.

Q: Is there a surplus where the 1% increase could come from?

A: Concerned about bringing the reserve down but will need to have this discussion at the spring meeting. David Anderson added that the budget is presented in 2 ways: Board of Director reviews and presents proposals; boards debate and depending on feedback, it could be revised and then presented in June.

### **Alberta Education, Randy Clarke**

- Leasing Policy – Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, changes to the policy governing the leasing of jurisdiction-owned facilities to other school authorities will be phased in. Instead of lease support payments, Education will provide IMR funding for the upkeep of these facilities.
- 2012-15 Capital Plan Submission – if no change to jurisdictions' existing 2011-14 Capital Plan, the jurisdiction is not required to submit any documentation, but should send an email.
- Action on Inclusion – considerably more information on the website [www.education.alberta.ca/inclusion](http://www.education.alberta.ca/inclusion)
- Approach to Collaborative Practices – professional development opportunities will be available in early fall from the Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia to support school staff and community partners in the implementation of *Alberta's Approach to Collaborative Practices... Based on Wraparound Principles*.

- Program Unit Funding and Family Supports for Children with Disabilities Project Update – an exciting pilot project. School authorities wishing to participate for the first time in 2011/12 are asked to contact the Chief Executive Officer of their local CFSA, by mid April, for further information about participating in a local pilot partnership.
- Alberta’s Educational Leaders Shine in Latest McKinsey International School Leadership Study – The study consisted of an online survey and telephone interviews that focused on what leaders in education do and believe, what motivates them, and what governments can do to support them better.
- Grade Level of Achievement – Alberta Education no longer requires school authorities to collect and submit Grade Level of Achievement (GLA) data to Alberta Education as a way of reporting to the province on how well students are learning. Instead, schools will focus on reporting GLA to parents.
- Alberta Health Services 2011/12 Collection of Student Information – Alberta Health Services is working with Alberta Education to develop improved processes to ensure that students receive the health services they require.

Q: Seems there is some movement towards Action on Inclusion. When will this be available for all boards to access? Understand that \$20 million is set aside; how will boards know what they are entitled to?

A: Will find out re conclusion of the pilot project and where it will go from there.

*Recessed at 10:37 a.m.*

*Reconvened at 10:46 a.m.*

## **PRESENTATION**

**School Board Financial Oversight** – Jim Gibbons, ASBA; Christine Lee, ASBOA

## **REPORTS (cont’d)**

**ASBALE, Joanne van Donzel** (*absent*)

**Coalition for Health Schools renamed to Healthy Schools, Mary Martin**

- Will be a meeting on Monday in Edmonton so more information will be forthcoming.
- Rename “Healthy Schools”

**Edwin Parr, Sylvia Eggerer**

- 6 applicants and committee is planning to get together to review the applications.

**Field Experiences Policy Advisory Committee, Sheila Snowsell**

- Next meeting not until May.

**Labour Relations, Colleen Munro**

- No report at this time.

**Regional Consortium, Joanne van Donzel** (*absent*)

**Moved by Angie Warwick that the reports be accepted as presented.**

**Carried**

**Proposed Policy Resolutions** (cont'd)

Golden Hills – 2 policies: reimbursement of legal fees; would like trustee terms be extended to beyond three years. 3 Directives for Action – reimbursement of fuel tax; campaign to education public and elected officials about importance of long-range planning; mid-range & long-range capital project priorities. Jacquie indicated that the Directives for Action could go forward now if desired and then can report on them at the AGM. Carol indicated that once we're more informed about what is going on, we can deal with these directives on a more consistent basis. PEDAC can review and perhaps respond whether it's a directive or a policy proposal. Could send these with Anne-Marie through to ASBA Board of Directors. Helen suggested going back to our boards with these policies and directives and discuss them further at the May meeting. Rita will send all the policies/directives out to all zone reps. Discussion. Come prepared to discuss these policies/directives on May 20.

**Future Agenda Items**

Budget by ASBA on May 20  
Policies/directives May 20  
Location of meetings May 20

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Jerry Muelaner that the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 p.m.**

**Carried**