

Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5
Friday, November 12, 2010
Coventry Hills Superstore
2nd Floor, 100 Country Village Road N.E.
Calgary, AB

In Attendance:

Helen Clease	Rocky View Schools
Bev LaPearce	Rocky View Schools
Jerry Muelaner	Foothills School Division
Doug Gardner	Foothills School Division
Joanne Van Donzel	Christ the Redeemer Catholic
Larry Maerz	Golden Hills School Division
Marge Belcourt	Calgary Catholic
Robert St. Onge	Alberta Education
Anne-Marie Boucher	CSSA
Carol Bazinet	Calgary Board of Education
Sheila Snowsell	Canadian Rockies
Francois Godri	CSCFSA
Colleen Munro	Rocky View Schools
Angie Warwick	Prairie Land School Division
Serafino Scarpino	Calgary Catholic
Jacquie Hansen	ASBA
Donna Engel	ASBA

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Helen Clease called the meeting to order at 09:33 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Joanne Van Donzel that the agenda be approved as submitted.

Carried

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Angie Warwick that the Minutes dated October 1, 2010 be approved as submitted.

Carried

Correspondence

Various general correspondence was shared.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Reps for Urban/Rural Committee – Elaine Horner (PLSD) was nominated as rural representative.
- Discussion re location of future Zone 5 meetings -

Moved by Marge Belcourt that the ASBA Zone 5 meetings be held at Rocky View Schools in Airdrie.

Moved by Bev La Peare to amend the motion to read on a ‘trial basis’ until end of school year and then revisit it in May. Carried

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- Mileage over 200 kms (return) will be paid to trustees.
- Hiring zone 5 secretary
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NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS

This section of the meeting was turned over to ASBA to direct. Mrs. Hansen called for nominations for **Chair**. Bev LaPeare nominated Helen Clease; two more calls for nominations were extended, however none received. Helen Clease was declared elected Chair by acclamation.

Nominations were called for the position of **Vice-Chair**. Anne-Marie Boucher nominated Carol Bazinet; two more calls for nominations were extended, however, none received. Carol Bazinet was declared elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Chair Helen Clease called for nominations for the following positions:

- Zone 5 Director - Jerry Muelaner nominated Anne-Marie Boucher. No other nominations were received.
- Alternate Zone 5 Director - Carol Bazinet nominated Doug Gardner. No other nominations were received.
- ASBALE – Joanne Van Donzel volunteered her services as the Zone 5 rep.

- Advocacy – vacant
- Coalition for Healthy Schools - Mary Martin was nominated (to be confirmed)
- Edwin Parr – Diana Froc/Sylvia Eggerer (to be confirmed); Marge Belcourt & Sheila Snowsell (alternate)
- Field Experiences PAC - Sheila Snowsell
- Labour Relations – Colleen Munro & Jerry Muelaner
- Regional Consortium – Joanne Van Donzel
- Zone 5 Secretary

**Moved by Jerry Muelaner that Rita Janzen be hired as the ASBA Zone 5 secretary.
Carried**

The Chair and Vice-Chair will work out the details with new secretary.

BUDGET 2010-11

Helen suggested that she and Carol get together plus one more trustee to work on the budget and then present it to the next Zone meeting. Agreed.

REPORTS

ASBA Director's Report, Anne-Marie Boucher

- Presentation on ASBIE re property claim costs due to aging infrastructure.
- Voted to withdraw from CSBA – details of the reasons for this decision were shared.
- Long discussion on tripartite discussions; will have an update on Sunday November 21 at 3:00 – an in-camera meeting.
- Strategic Plan – deadline is January 6; please review the plan and let ASBA know of any suggestions/comments. Also let them know if you like what is there. Discussion – would like more specifics on community engagement.
- Received email from David Anderson re election procedures for President and Vice-President. Know (unofficially) that there may be 2 more letters coming out for Vice-president nominations.
- Heard that the ASBA New Trustee Orientation sessions were well received.

ASBA Executive Report, Jacquie Hansen

- Welcomed new trustees to their respective boards.
- MELRA Awards have been cancelled. Have heard some disappointment around this. Have also heard that there may be some other sort of recognition in the works. Someone may bring this as an emergent resolution at the conference. Robert St. Onge indicated that the MELRAs were based on the accountability pillar. Looking at moving away from one way of recognizing results; emphasized that this is only a one year moratorium.
- Strategic Plan – input is important as this is what drives the budget.
- New Trustee/New Board Chair workshop in January 16-18, 2011 (Edmonton at Fantasyland Hotel) – advised of what will be included in this workshop.
- CSBA – discussed at length at the Board of Directors meeting; felt that the meetings at the national level have not been effective - cost of \$60,000. Concern with preparedness, professionalism and value. Did discuss 3 options in handling this and decided to withdraw from CSBA but are open to dialogue with this national association. Discussion. Haven't decided what to do with the membership money. It does mean that we won't be hosting a Congress. Heather Welwood has talked at length with the other provinces. Believe BC is ready to remove themselves as well; PEI and New Brunswick do not belong. Mr. Gardener commented that he believed that we need some sort of national affiliation. Like that we are still open to working out something with CSBA. Anne-Marie stated that by withdrawing, ASBA is hoping this will 'wake CSBA up', then perhaps we could find a way to rejoin. Carol Bazinet added that the Canadian education system is based solely on provincial legislation; do we even have federal education issues? Other comments:
 - there has to be some value in belonging to an organization.
 - is there anything that CSBA could do to help with INUIT funding? Need to pay attention to INUIT funding; that's where SEMAC comes in. Perhaps we need a western association? Discussion.

Moved by Angie Warwick to go into in-camera at 10:43 a.m.

Carried

Moved by Doug Gardner to come out of in-camera at 11:30 a.m.

Carried

Alberta Education, Robert St. Onge

- Reviewed upcoming dates for consultation and information sessions. Three-year Education plans and Annual Education Results Reports can be combined (optional).
- Canadian Anaphylaxis Readiness Education (CARE) – web-based training program for schools across the province.

- Alberta's Wraparound Approach Video – introductory video can be found on Education's website at www.education.alberta.ca/admin/crossministry/wraparound.aspx
- Student and Teacher Exchange Programs – effective October 1, Education will transfer the administration of its Student and Teacher Exchange Programs to the Alberta Teachers' Association. No changes have been made to the program.
- Community-Based (FNMI) Teacher Education Program – a successful first year. Findings will be shared at the *Knowing our Spirits FNMI Conference* on November 25.
- Questions from the Field were reviewed.

ASBALE, Joanne Van Donzel

- Will have a meeting on November 21 from 1:00 - 3:00 at the Westin Hotel. Want to move towards becoming a committee of ASBA.

Advocacy

- No report

Alberta Coalition for Healthy School Communities, Mary Martin

- No report

Edwin Parr Committee, Diana Froc

- No report

Field Experiences Policy Advisory

- No report

Labour Relations

- No report

Regional Consortium, Joanne van Donzel

- Haven't had a recent meeting, however there was a meeting in the late spring with provincial regional consortia and with David Anderson.

Drug Awareness Committee, Roy Goulet

- No report.

Moved by Carol Bazinet that the reports be accepted as presented.

Carried

PRESENTATIONS

ASEBP – Jennifer Carson, Executive Director, presented a synopsis of the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan which included a brief history, statistics and the overall objective/mission of this health organization.

BOARD SHARING

Golden Hills, Larry Maerz

- Audit completed - have recovered from 4 years of deficit. Have an accumulated operating reserve of 1.7%.
- New board – down to 6 trustees from 9 (3 are new). David Price is the new Board Chair.
- This is the first year of being totally on site-based management.
- Total enrolment a little over 6000.

CSCFSA, Francois Godri

- All trustees were acclaimed.

CSSA, Anne-Marie Boucher

- 2 new trustees (Calgary and Brooks). Anne-Marie was voted in as Chair.

Prairie Land, Angie Warwick

- Organized board working session together with principals.
- Completed the superintendent's evaluation report.
- Proposed a letter to the Minister re appointment to school boards. Do not feel that is right or appropriate.
- 7 trustees were acclaimed (John Neill was defeated).

Rocky View Schools, Bev LaPeare

- One new trustee. Bruce Pettigrew is the Chair and Bev LaPeare the Vice-Chair.
- In process of touring each of the division's schools.

Calgary Catholic, Marge Belcourt

- Advised of the election results – all incumbent trustees have returned except 1; Serafino Scarpino has been elected as Chair.
- A new school has opened; 2 more in November; will also be having a sod-turning for another school.

Calgary Board of Education, Carol Bazinet

- Advised of the election results – 5 trustees have returned; 2 new trustees.

Canadian Rockies, Sheila Snowsell

- All incumbent trustees have been re-elected with one new (returned);
- Advised of the Division's public engagement sessions.
- Have established a sub-committee to look at why governance teams. Governance may have more input. This is an advisory body to the Board which is good but they are not the driving force. Mr. St. Onge advised of Section 60/61 in the *School Act* – need to be highly cautious of delegation of powers.

Christ the Redeemer, Joanne Van Donzel

- Advised that all trustees were acclaimed. New Chair is Mary Stengler.
- The Board has reviewed its organization and are looking at a per diem rate.
- Their budget is \$74 million with 7300 students.
- An agreement with the Francophone board and CRCSSD in Canmore is being signed.

Foothills School Division, Jerry Muelaner

- Advised of the election results – both incumbents who were challenged have been re-elected. Have one new trustee replacing Jay Lyons.
- Advised of the Board/Admin Planning Session & Orientation – spent considerable time on the Board's core values and mission.

Moved by Sheila Snowsell that the reports be accepted as shared. Carried

Chair Clease suggested the idea of a social aspect to the December 3 meeting. Angie Warwick volunteered to organize a “Chinese Christmas Exchange” for that day.

Chair Clease also thanked Robert St Onge for his report from Alberta Education and Jennifer Carson for her ASEBP presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.