

**Alberta School Boards Association – Zone 5  
MINUTES  
Friday May 5, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

Amber Stewart	CBE
Anne-Marie Boucher	Conseil Franco Sud
Bev LaPeare	Rocky View Schools
Mary Martin	ASBA
Serafino Scarpino	RCSSD
Doug Gardner	Foothills
Ed Brinkman	Prairie Land Regional
Sherri Nielsen	Golden Hills School Division
Cheryl Low	RCSSD
Mark Chung	Christ the Redeemer
Fiona Gilbert	Rocky View Schools
Jeannine Tucker	Foothills
Arlene Rheaume	Canadian Rockies
Pamela King	CBE
Ron Schreiber	Christ the Redeemer
Colleen Munro	Rocky View Schools
Trina Hurdman	CBE
Mary Lambe	Alberta Education
Lisa Wine	Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

Julie Hrdlicka	CBE
Marsha Tkach	Prairie Land Regional
Joanne Van Donzel	Christ the Redeemer

**Call to Order:**

Amber Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Introductions:**

Amber Stewart conducted introductions with the meeting attendees.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Ed Brinkman motioned that the Agenda for the May 5, 2017 meeting be approved with additions.

Carried

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Fiona Gilbert motioned that the minutes of the April 7, 2017 meeting be approved.

Carried

### **Action Items from the Minutes:**

None

### **Correspondence:**

None

### **Chair Report:**

Amber will not be running for trustee next term. She is also starting a new job on Monday so she will be stepping down from ASBA Zone 5 September and October meetings. Jeannine will be our Chair until the next election.

## **REPORTS**

### **ASBA Zone Director's Report** - Doug Gardner

- Had a special meeting, met with the Minister. He announced Bill 1 had passed, working on regulations but does not have specifics.
- Tammy Henkel did comment about the 2.4 limit. She is in the rural area and they will not allow children not to be bussed.
- Mary did a phenomenal job of encouraging the minister to communicate to board ahead of the processes.
- Zone alternates and Chairs are invited to the next meeting.

### **ASBA President** – Mary Martin

- Mary provided a verbal report of ongoing work within ASBA. Attached you will find her written report.

### **ASBA Executive or Staff** –Suzanne Polkosnik

- None

### **Alberta Education Report** – Marlene Lambe

- Marlene provided an update to online communication tool “In the Loop” available on the home page of Alberta Education website.
- Highlights Ministers Youth Council; Curriculum Development full report of 2016 survey results; School Nutrition project program; ESL Benchmark teaching resources; High School Re-Design; Protecting Victims – 2 sections of school act will be amended.
- Questions: Will Trustees given notice of updates to online communication tool?
- Grade 6 PATS
- The jurisdictions involved in the pilot project have already received funding. Will new jurisdictions receive additional funding to “catch up”? How was the budget determined?
- Marlene Provided the following information:

**Q - Why are the original pilots continuing to get \$250,000 while other boards with more students receive \$141,000?**

**A -**

- The 14 school boards currently participating in the pilot for the 2016/2017 school year will each receive \$250,000 in grant funding for the 2017/2018 school year to maintain their existing programs, while the remaining 46 school boards will each receive \$141,000 in grant funding to implement the program in 2017/18.
- The 14 school boards currently participating in the pilot were selected based on greatest need as determined by socio-economic status (SES) data from Statistic Canada. They were each asked to select one school to support; however, most chose to support more than one school, for example, St. Paul Regional School Division used the \$250,000 to provide a nutrition program in nine of its schools, while Wetaskiwin Regional Division used the \$250,000 to provide a nutrition program in four schools, therefore, it is expected the remaining school boards can implement an effective program with \$141,000.

It's important we work hand-in-hand with the many successful breakfast and lunch programs that already exist in Alberta schools and that school boards continue to work with their community partners to identify and utilize supports and resources in their local areas.

- Differentiated funding may be considered for future years.

**Q - Where is the money coming from to fund the School Nutrition Program?**

**A -**

- In Budget 2017, government continues its commitment to phase-in a targeted school nutrition program for elementary students from kindergarten to Grade 6 in the province.
- \$10 million in targeted operational funding will be allocated to Phase 2 of the School Nutrition Program in the 2017/2018 school year.
- While planning for innovation, sustainability and capacity building, selected school authorities will use this funding to support more students with the greatest need.

**Q - How can we ensure the program is sustainable for schools?**

**A -**

- In addition to providing meals to students, another key component of the program is to ensure students, teachers, parents, caregivers and community members have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of reading food labels, choice and preparation of healthy foods, and access to Alberta's food resources in order to build capacity and ensure programs are sustainable for schools.
- It's also important that we work hand-in-hand with the many successful breakfast and lunch programs that already exist in Alberta schools and that school boards continue to work with their community partners to identify and utilize supports and resources in their local areas.

**Networking** – Colleen Munro, Serafino Scarpino, Jeannine Tucker

- Putting together menu today. “Save the Date” will be sent to MLA’s this week with invitation to follow last week of May. Looking for set up (2:30) and take down crew. Please e-mail Colleen if you can help.

**Edwin Parr** – Mark Chung, Judy Hehr, Serafino Scarpino, Cheryl Low (alternate)

- Interviews are complete. Wonderful candidates.
- Each Candidate will receive 2 complimentary tickets. 12 total
- Eventbrite Invitations sent to Zone 5 contacts, MLA’s and Candidates. Please share with your boards and other contact lists to maximize attendance.
- The committee has all of the information they need to move forward with the program, the bells and government representation.
- Motion for Zone 5 to cover deficit up to \$2000.00 Motion approved.

**Break 11:05 – 11:15**

**Field Experiences Policy Advisory** – Joanne Van Donzel

- None

**Labour Relations** – Vacant

**Regional Consortium** – Fiona Gilbert

- Meeting next week.

**Health Promoting School Collaborative** – Fiona Gilbert

- Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Good presentation on Connections program in High School at Christ the Redeemer. Mental Health continues to be a concern across the divisions. Everactive Schools conducting survey to teachers about how to implement Active Transportation, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Physical literacy day at St. Paul’s.

**Second Language Caucus** – Serafino Scarpino

- Presentation at SGM, very enthusiastic group!
- FNMI languages
- PowerPoint presentation with statistics to be presented in September.

**FNMI Task Force** – Julie Hrdlicka

- None

**In-Camera Required**

Jeannine Tucker motioned to go In Camera at 11:26. All in favour.

Carried

Mary Martin recused herself.

Sherri Nielsen motioned to go Out of Camera at 11:56. All in favour.

Carried

### **Zone 5 Director Items**

- Anne-Marie drew attention to 2 bylaw amendments coming forward at the SGM

### **Work Plan Items – Ideas for Emergent Policy Items**

- Jeannine Tucker - Harmonized speed limit for all school zones in Alberta.

Jeannine moved that:

Zone 5 approves the proposed policy amendment from Foothills School District for submission to PDAC for consideration at the FGM.

Carried

- Fiona Gilbert – High School Re Design Funding

Fiona moved that:

Zone 5 agrees in principal, to support a policy position regarding funding for High School Re-Design for consideration at the FGM.

Carried

### **12:15 – 12:45 Networking Lunch**

### **12:52 – Budget Presentation Anne-Marie Boucher, Mary Martin & Suzanne Polkosnik**

Mary Martin and Ann-Marie Boucher presented the ASBA proposed draft budget.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 2:07

### **Future Meeting Dates**

Meeting dates have been set; the first Friday of each month September - June. If you have ideas for professional development, please email your Chair and Vice Chair.

### **Important Dates:**

May 24 Edwin Parr: June 4-6: Spring AGM, July 6: Stampede Networking Event