

**ASBA Zone 6 General Meeting Report for Jan. 19, 2022 (submitted by Yvonne Sissons)**

- Report from Brad Toone (Zone Director): Highlighted a motion from the Dec. 10 ASBA Board of Directors Meeting – ASBA Board of Directors tasks the Advocacy Committee with creating an advocacy plan to address K-6 draft curriculum in accordance with related membership-approved position statements. Motion was carried.
- Ron Taylor, AB Education, Southern AB, spoke to a few items: guidance documents continually being updated on Govt. of AB website, online survey on draft K-6 curriculum closes in Feb. (clarification on the exact closing date was requested), Feb. 8 online session re: curriculum draft can be registered for on alberta.ca website
- ASBA Trustee Orientation Jan. 31 and ASBA Board Chair Orientation Feb. 11
- Carla Gimber (Second Language Committee Rep) asked for direction/expectations for this committee role. Lori Hodges explained this is the first year Zone 6 has had this committee & asked ASBA to provide direction. Dr. Abboud explained the Second Language Committee was driven by the work of passionate trustees, & is not an ASBA committee. Discussion ensued & ASBA will discuss at the Feb. meeting clarification around the Zone committees. Cathy Hogg expressed her gratitude to hear ASBA will be examining the mandates of these committees & their relation to ASBA. Zone chairs have been asked to report to ASBA about what committees they each hold in order to consider their relevancy. Lacey Poytress added that clarification around these committee roles can be found in the Zone 6 handbook.
- Bylaws will be presented by Lori Hodges at the next Zone 6 Executive Meeting.
- ASBA report by Marilyn Dennis: Jan. 17 was final engagement session on the K-6 draft curriculum. ASBA is compiling feedback to send to government by Jan. 31 deadline. Marilyn & Dr. Abboud sitting on the Advisory Group that is providing advice on scheduling the piloting of the initial 3 subjects in Sept.
- Reminder from Dr. Abboud that the deadline for the Honouring Spirit Indigenous Student Award is Feb. 1.
- PD Session: Board Room Emotional Intelligence - Paul Dubal
  - EQ – emotional quotient: balancing frontal lobes & emotional centers (ability to apply rational thinking)
  - involves self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, & relationship management
  - EQ is the largest single predictor of success in the workplace
  - Pivotal role of organizational chair: conflict resolution, setting the tone, essential culture of openness & debate, create synergistic team, moral compass, relationship with CEO
  - Signs of board trouble: groupthink, board relationships, side conversations, dominant chair, lack of engagement, superficial questions

See submitted Committee reports below:

Zone 6 Labour Report: Submitted by Gregory Long, Trustee Livingstone Range School Division, LRSD Negotiating Chair, Zone 6 Labour Representative

The ATA and TEBA will continue negotiations on January 25, January 26, and February 10, 2022.

Clauses regarding substitute teachers “MAY “be one of the main discussions.

The ATA and TEBA are collaborating on a replacement for the current grievance procedure. At this time, they have reached a “Letter of Understanding” and plan to implement a new, common grievance procedure by February 01, 2022. The new proposal will be premised on individual school divisions being best positioned to resolve disputes. TEBA is not the employer. Even though a grievance may involve a Central Issue, the grievance might only be filed in one local.

A grievance review committee will available if grievances do not reach a satisfactory, to both parties, settlement.

The ATA and TEBA will meet before February 28, 2022, to discuss whether existing grievances will be transferred to the new model or settled according to the “old” procedure.

There is not anything new to report in our ATA negotiations other than the meeting dates.

AHS, AUPE, and United Nurses of Alberta continue negotiations. Some post-secondary institutions are apparently nearing agreements.

Some school divisions have commenced negotiations with unionized support staff.

SAPDC Committee Report: Submitted by Lorelei Bexte, Palliser School Division, SAPDC Zone 6 Representative

I attended the SAPDC meeting on December 16, 2022. The committee will not be meeting again until May 5, 2022, but I have asked to be placed on a bi-weekly newsletter so that I can get frequent updates with current learning opportunities. SAPDC is available to speak at our Zone meetings and/or provide professional learning on a topic of our choice. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have an idea for PD at the Zone and I will look into it.

I did send out a preliminary report to zone representatives to share with their boards and superintendents on December 16 after the meeting because some of the opportunities were time sensitive.