
MINUTES
CASS Zone 5
Friday, June 17, 2011
Hosted by Christ Golden Hills School Division

Chair – Greg Bass
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Attendance

Alberta Education - Randy Clark
Almadina Charter School – Regrets
Calgary Arts Academy - Regrets
Calgary Board of Education – Susan Church, Elizabeth Gouthro
Calgary Catholic – Lucy Miller, Gary Strother, Luba Diduch, Mark Rawlek
Calgary Science School - Garry McKinnon
Canadian Rockies -Regrets
Christ the Redeemer - Scott Morrison
Foothills – Denise Rose, Del Litke, Lisa Blackstock, Stacey Meyer
Foundations for the Future - Regrets
Golden Hills - Dianne McBeth, Bevan Daverne, Ed Holt
Prairieland - Regrets
Rockyview - Greg Bass, Dave Morris, John Burger, Susan Williams
Siksika - Regrets
Southern Alberta Francophone Boards - Jaqueline Lessard, Lorraine Robinson, Gerard Auger
Westmount Charter School – Joe Frank

8:30 – 9:00 **Coffee and Conversation**

9:00 – 9:15 **Call to Order**

1. Welcome and Introductions.
 - a. New Members from Charter Schools or First Nations Schools?

Welcome to Joe Frank Westmount Charter School!

2. Additions to the Agenda.

Regrets - Tim Stensland who was slated to present was unable to attend.

3. Approval of the Agenda.

Moved by Lucy Miller. Carried.

4. Approval of the Minutes (Attached).

Moved by Dianne McBeth . Carried.

9:15 – 9:20 **First call for Nominations for CASS Zone 5 Chairperson.**

Scott Morrison nominated Murray Besenski from Rockyview.

9:20 – 9:30 **Email List Confirmation for 2011/2012**

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Westmount Charter	joe.frank@westmountcharter.com		

9:30 – 10:00 **Discuss the following Motion:**

Whereas short term funding has a negative impact on student learning, Zone 5 moves that the province provide stable, predictable, long term funding.

Friendly amendments by Gary McKinnon and Scott Morrison: Whereas short term funding has a negative impact on student learning, Zone 5 moves that CASS develop a strategy urging the province to provide stable, predictable, long term funding.

Moved by Denise Rose.

Discussion Arising:

- We have only a few weeks of turn around after receiving a budget, and there are many issues arising when cutbacks occur. The response time is very problematic.*
- We are asked to do three year education plans with less than 8 week turnaround. We would like funding to be announced in three year cycles to correspond with the planning we are expected to do.*

- *In order to move the transformative agenda forward, we need to be able to do long term budgeting which supports long term funding.*
- *Could a portion of the property tax base be returned to the boards? We should maintain fiscal equity across the province, but accessing the local tax base would introduce more flexibility.*
- *In the past CASS would suggest this is an ASBA issue. It is appropriate for CASS to get involved in urging stable predictable funding, but perhaps their involvement should end there. Local monies are collected for education tax, but not given to school boards, because the province continues to lower the mill rate. A conflicting perspective was that CASS should get involved in this issue so the government takes it more seriously as an organization. Moreover, the current CASS vision focuses on leadership excellence for world class education. This may shift to focus more on CASS's expertise and our credibility in acting as advocates for kids. The provincial executive agreed they should be a little more political and courageous in having a voice advocating for the good of students. Given this, perhaps this issue is one CASS should speak out about. To further support this position, it was asserted that if CASS focuses on the impact a lack of stable funding has on children, it may be perceived to be less political. Again in support, it was noted CASS needs to represent itself as a professional organization with world class expertise. Another strength CASS has is its ability to influence educational stakeholders as it focuses on creating conditions to improve student learning. CASS has the ability and expertise to bring these stakeholder groups – teachers, administrators, parents – together in looking for solutions, including solutions related to stable funding.*
- *Perhaps we should request a meeting between CASS and the Treasury Board rather than send a letter. Perhaps it would be better to work with our existing point of contact, which is the Ministry rather than the treasury.*
- *We should emphasize the benefits of stable funding for everyone and all facets of educational planning and how it benefits learners.*
- *Since CASS is working hard to be more recognized in the province, taking a position and advocating on an issue such as this is a compatible idea. In addition, CASS would be well served by hiring a communications officer who can brand CASS and be more responsive to media requests for information or positions.*

Carried. Greg Bass will draft a letter to CASS Provincial which captures the nature of our discussion and supports the motion.

10:00-10:05 Second call for Nominations for CASS Zone 5 Chairperson.

None.

10:05- 10:45 Respect in Sport - Wayne McNeil and Sheldon Kennedy

Respect in sport, school, and work programs were outlined. The programs are an excellent proactive program to prevent issues related to bullying and harassment. Wayne can be reached for more information at wmcneil@respectgroupinc.com.

10:45 – 10:50 Third and Final call for Nominations for CASS Zone 5 Chairperson. Voting if necessary.

Murray Besinski was acclaimed as Zone 5 Chair.

10:50 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:45 Workforce Planning and Development – Tim Stensland

Regrets.

11:45 – 12:15 **Host Division Presents: Golden Hills**

Diane introduced Golden Hills new superintendent Bevan Daverne.

12:15 – 1:00 **Retirement Luncheon:** *Dianne McBeth. Gerard Auger. Yvonne Machuk. David Peat.*

1:00 – 1:30 **Zone 5 CASS Reports**

1. Alberta Education Zone 5 Director's Report – Randy Clark

Report Submitted.

2. Treasurer Report – Elizabeth Gouthro (CBE)

Report Submitted. Motion to Approve Report by Susan Church. Carried.

3. Director Report – Denise Rose (Foothills) and Craig Foley (Calgary Catholic)

- *Greg Bass will be the Director. Craig Foley will be the Metro Director.*
- *CASS is working on strategic planning and on a new vision and mission and CASS provincial will consult with all the zones to gather input.*
- *There were several changes to the Act that were not identified as changes by the Minister of Education. CASS would like to facilitate a process where members can send concerns into CASS. CASS has made a call for all members to send feedback about changes to the Act through to Kath Rhyason and her committee.*
- *Members are asked to communicate information about Start Right and Leading for Learning to their employees.*
- *It was suggested we invite Michael Hauptmann from Evergreen Catholic to share information about the Draft Professional Competencies for Teachers. One contentious issue is the five year certification process. (A member suggested there is strong ATA opposition to this document. The ATA also challenged the fact it was a small committee of Alberta Education employees who created the draft. The polished nature of the draft also made people challenge whether it was a foregone conclusion without consultation.)*
- *Money will be coming into the school division to pay out pension contributions. This will make it appear boards are getting more money when it is really an in and an out. CASS may prepare speaking notes about this subject so our boards and the public are informed. A member suggested that in the speaking notes the province provide us with information about why they report this way.*
- *CASS needs committee membership and meeting dates by the end of the month.*
- *The Zone 4 and 5 Summer Conference is still on. Information should be sent out soon by Zone 4.*

4. Professional Development – Manny Ferreirinha (Rockyview) and Lisa Blackstock (Foothills)

- *Manny and Lisa will continue on in this role.*
- *The group agreed to continue the TASBOA model. The group agreed to continue sharing 3 Year Planning processes.*

5. Research/Education – Cathy Bonaventure (Foothills)

- *Regrets. No report.*
- *John Burger expressed an interest in joining Cathy in this area. Foothills noted that Cathy would likely move out of this area if possible.*

6. Membership Services – Hans Woehleke (Christ the Redeemer)

- *Regrets. No report.*
- *Hans will continue on in this role.*
- *A member suggested we invite Jim Brandon to be an honorary member of CASS Zone 5. Another member suggested we make this a standing offer to all retirees (ie: Dianne and Gerard) or people who have moved on. Scott will pass this suggestion onto Hans so he can take it to the Membership Services Committee.*

7. CRC – Brian Callaghan (Canadian Rockies)

- *Brian Callaghan will continue in this role.*
- *Jaqueline Lessard sits at the table for CPFPP - the Francophone equivalent of CRC - and she is willing to report to CASS next year. Scott will add her to the list of committee representatives.*

8. Regional Healthy Schools Committee – Lorraine Robinson (Southern Alberta Francophone Boards) and Stacey Meyer (Foothills)

- *Report submitted.*
- *Lorraine and Stacey will continue in this role.*

9. Action on Inclusion Ad Hoc CASS Committee – Sydney Smith (CBE) and Denise Clovechok (Rockyview)

- *Regrets. No Report.*
- *Sydney and Denise will continue in these roles.*

10. School Act Ad Hoc CASS Committee – Mike Barbero (Calgary Catholic) and Hans Woehleke (Christ the Redeemer)

- *Information was circulated.*
- *Mike and Hans will continue in these roles and can facilitate a discussion to get feedback next year.*

11. Inspiring Education Ad Hoc CASS Committee – Cathy Faber (CBE) and John Burger (Rockyview)

- *Report submitted.*
- *John will continue on in this role.*
- *John would like to develop a paper responding to the themes.*

Gary Strother moved all reports be accepted. Carried.

Future Agenda Items and Set Next Meeting Time

Friday, October 21, 2011 – Hosted by Foothills in High River.

Thursday, January 26, 2012 – Hosted by CBE in Calgary.

Thursday, April 19, 2012 – Hosted by Westmount and Other Charter Schools in Calgary.

Thursday, June 21, 2012 - Hosted by Southern Alberta Francophone in Calgary.

- **Proposed Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:**

- *SIPP and SERP Presentation - Ken Myck (1-604-642-5216) kmyck@morneausobeco.com.*

Lucy Miller moved we spend funds to bring Ken Myck in. Carried.

- *TASBOA Coaching Model Professional Development - Lisa Blackstock and Manny Ferreirinha to facilitate.*

Standing item every meeting.

- *CASS Certification Program for Superintendents and Principals. Should Zone 5 discuss this concept further and, perhaps, brainstorm some suggested program purposes or outcomes?*

October meeting.

- *CASS vision and mission discussion facilitated by second vice president and directors.*

October or January meeting. Gary and Greg will determine when they need feedback for CASS Provincial.

- *Invite Michael Hauptmann from Evergreen Catholic to explain the Draft Professional Practice Competencies for Teachers.*

October meeting.

- *Comparison of divisional budgets in the media. Discussion of issues of how funds flow to different boards and how comparing them is not always accurate.*

January, April, or June meeting

- *Generative Governance. How to work with boards.*

April or June meeting

- *School Act discussion.*

January meeting

- *Mentoring New Principals*

April or June meeting

1:30 Wine and Cheese