

DATE: June 20, 2023

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Acting Vice-Chair Trustee Kusiek, Acting Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #13 of the Special Caucus Committee
(From the meeting held on May 30, 2023)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendations were approved at the May 30, 2023, Special Caucus Committee meeting:

Voting recommendations on ASBA SGM emergent position statements

That EPSB support the overall intent of this emergent position statement in regard to equitable funding for implementation of the new curriculum, but not without changes in wording to reduce red tape:

That, the Alberta School Boards Association advocates for the Government of Alberta shift to per student per subject funding based on current year enrollments, for teaching and learning resources, and classroom based assessments required to implement the new Curriculum, thereby ensuring equity of resource funding for all students and encouraging more optional implementation.

That EPSB support the intent of the following emergent position statement with the following amendment **(in bold)**:

That, the Alberta School Boards Association advocate for the Government of Alberta to continue **meaningful** consultation and collaboration **with stakeholders, school boards and school divisions** on the curriculum implementation **and on any future curriculum development**. Further, that the Government of Alberta advance curriculum implementation **one subject** one grade at a time. This position statement will replace 1.3.

That the Board Chair write to ASBA with suggestions to improve SGM process, including timelines and communications.

BACKGROUND

The ASBA Issues and Resolutions Committee is a committee of the Edmonton Public School Board. The purpose of the Committee is to advise and assist the Board in presenting and voting on issues and resolutions brought to the ASBA Zone and General Meetings.

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