

Alberta Block Parent Association 2014 Annual Report

National Symposium and Annual General Meeting

The National Symposium and AGM took place in Vancouver this year where delegates were represented from Alberta, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec.



The speakers were excellent, presenting on the Nova Scotia Cyber-bullying Act and the Abbotsford Anti-Gang Program.

During the symposium the ABPA was awarded a 35 year Service Award.



Lynn Squance, Lorna Spargo, Donna Fox, Linda Patterson

Alberta Block Parent Association Annual General Meeting

Leduc was the chosen location for the AGM once again due to its central position and great facilities. Delegates were in attendance from the following Programs:

Elk Point
Fort McMurray
Fort Saskatchewan
Morinville
Okotoks
Redcliff
Spruce Grove

Elections were made and the ABPA Board is made up as follows:

Donna Fox (President)
Jocelan Darnel (Vice President)
Lorna Spargo (Secretary)
Tanya Sloan (Treasurer)
Mary Telfer (Director)
Jackie Luker (Director)
Lisa Rodgers (Director)

News from Alberta Programs

Morinville

The Morinville Block Parent Association was proud to sponsor a U8 Red Rush soccer team this year. Jackie Luker was the Coach. We look forward to another year in 2015!



In June we had a booth at our local Morinville Public School. They run a free carnival for everyone in town and welcome groups to volunteer to run games that are provided, thus giving free advertising to businesses and non-profit groups.



In September we also participated in a town sponsored event called The Active living Fair, in which all community groups within Morinville set up at our Community Cultural Center allowing people to see what groups there are in town as well as to register for those they are interested in.

Fort Saskatchewan

In the spring we worked with the Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sports Association and sponsored a ball team. This gave us awareness through the T-shirts that the kids wore for each game.



We have committed to sponsor a city wide free swim at Harbor Pool in May 2015, costing us \$250.00. We will get a lot of exposure and awareness with this venture on the signage at the pool, in the city bulletin, in the program booklet that reaches all homes, in the local paper and a few other areas. Let's hope this brings us even more new homes.

Blackfalds

Blackfalds Block Parent is slowly starting to become more active in our community again. One of the first things we did was create a Facebook group in order to generate interest. In February one of our members participated in our town's winter fest by raising money and then jumping in the penguin dip (icy cold water in front of a crowd). He was able to raise just over \$850 for our Program and gained some publicity with the jump. With the money raised, we paid to have a website created. We also purchased a mascot costume based on the Trusty Puppy book – cost of this was approx. \$210. We also purchased T-shirts for our volunteers to wear while out in the community. In June we decorated a truck, and several volunteers and our mascot participated in the Blackfalds Days Parade, handing out pamphlets, candy and applications. We received a 2nd place ribbon for our entry. Throughout the year we also set up booths at our local farmers markets and trade shows where we played some of the videos and answered questions. In October we handed out the Halloween pamphlets to all the children at the elementary school.



Irricana

The Town of Irricana Community Services Board administers the Block Parent Program within our community and we continue to promote awareness through a variety of annual activities including: Halloween Safety presentations and goodie bags with Block Parent information included for parents and children in conjunction with "Light Up The Night" with the RCMP and the Irricana Volunteer Firefighters participation. Block Parent information display and membership drives at the Christmas Craft Day and the Winter Festival.



Redcliff

Redcliff Block Parent committee and families.

