



**MINUTES
January 17, 2019**

- Present:** Allison Pike, President
Shelley Odishaw, Director
Hollie Tarasewich, Director (left 8:20)
Lorna Spargo, Director
- Brandi Rai, Vice President
Jaelene Tweedle, Director
Stacy Bellerose, Director (arrived at 7:44)
- Regrets:** Rick Sakundiak, Director
Jacquie Surgenor, Director
Lisa Arlint, Director
- Judy Ducharme, Director
John Tomkinson, Director
- Staff:** Wendy Keiver, Executive Director
Kathy MacRae, Executive Assistant/Bookkeeper

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Allison called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and welcomed everyone. She provided a Treaty Land and Territory Acknowledgement.

2. **REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION: Lorna/Hollie

That the ASCA Board of Directors approve the agenda, as presented.

CARRIED

- a. The Board Meeting Protocols were supplied for information and review.

3. **PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES**

- 3.1 Approval of the November 29, 2018 Board Meeting.

MOTION: Brandi/Hollie

That the ASCA Board of Directors approve the November 29, 2018 minutes, as presented.

CARRIED

- 3.2 Motions/Actions Summary

The Motions/Actions Summary link was provided for information and review.

4. **BUSINESS: STEWARDSHIP AND REPRESENTATION**

- 4.1 **Stewardship (Association Oversight)**

A. ***Advocacy and Governance Committee***

Item 1: Nominations Package: The final draft of the nominations package will be in the January 26-27, 2019 board package.

Item 2: Governance Policy Manual (GPM)

MOTION: Hollie/Jaelene

That the ASCA Board of Directors change GP-2 A1f to read 'Review the implementation reports regarding progress towards achieving the Destinations prescribed in the Vision Path'.

CARRIED



MOTION: Lorna/Shelley

That the ASCA Board of Directors change GP-12 E4 to read 'Present quarterly financial statements in a format acceptable to the Board, and to the Internal Finance Committee. CARRIED

MOTION: Hollie/Shelley

That the ASCA Board of Directors add in GP-12 E15 'Notify the board immediately of any extreme irregularities in, or concerns with, financial situations of the Association'. CARRIED

MOTION: Hollie/Shelley

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the proposed edits, additions, deletions and changes to the Governance Policy Manual as amended, effective immediately. CARRIED

The following motions (actions) are extended to the January 26-27, 2019 Board Meeting:

1. Jacquie/Jaelene - The ASCA Board of Directors direct the Advocacy and Governance Committee to develop a policy about the recording of Board Meetings and bring it back to the Board at the January Virtual Meeting.
2. John/Hollie - That the ASCA Board of Directors request the Governance Committee review the educational landscape for governance policy on substance use in light of the decriminalization of cannabis, and report back to the board at the January Virtual Meeting.

B. Board Resolutions Committee

Recommendation #1

MOTION: Brandi/Hollie

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Board Resolutions Committee's Recommendation to include **Advocacy Policy 08-01** on the 2019 ASCA AGM Order Paper for **affirmation** consideration by ASCA Member School Councils. CARRIED

Recommendation #2

MOTION: Brandi/Jaelene

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Board Resolutions Committee's Recommendation to include **Advocacy Policies 85-1, 93-2, 2-14, 8-05, and 10-4** on the 2019 ASCA AGM Order Paper for **amendment** consideration by ASCA Member School Councils. CARRIED

Recommendation #3

MOTION: Brandi/Lorna

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Board Resolutions Committee's Recommendation to include **Advocacy Policies 04-6, 07-1, 10-5, 10-9, 12-1 and 13-6** on the 2019 ASCA AGM Order Paper for **rescinding** consideration by ASCA Member School Councils. CARRIED



Recommendation #4

MOTION: Hollie/Shelley

*That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Board Resolutions Committee's Recommendation to include Board Sponsored **Advocacy Policy BSAR19-01 as presented** on the 2019 ASCA AQGM Order Paper for consideration by ASCA Member School Councils.* CARRIED

Recommendation #5

MOTION: Lorna/Jaelene

*That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Board Resolutions Committee's Recommendation to include Board Sponsored **Advocacy Policy BSAR19-02 as presented** on the 2019 ASCA AGM Order Paper for consideration by ASCA Member School Councils.* CARRIED

Recommendation #6

MOTION: Jaelene/Lorna

*That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Board Resolutions Committee's Recommendation to include Board Sponsored **Advocacy Policy BSAR19-03 as presented** on the 2019 ASCA AGM Order Paper for consideration by ASCA Member School Councils.* CARRIED

Recommendation #7

MOTION: Hollie/Lorna

*That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Board Resolutions Committee's Recommendation to include Board Sponsored **Advocacy Policy BSAR19-04 as presented** on the 2019 ASCA AGM Order Paper for consideration by ASCA Member School Councils.* CARRIED

Recommendation #8

MOTION: Brandi/Hollie

*That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Board Resolutions Committee's Recommendation to include Board Sponsored **Advocacy Policy BSAR19-05 as amended** on the 2019 ASCA AGM Order Paper for consideration by ASCA Member School Councils.* CARRIED

C. **Community Engagement Committee**

The following action has been extended to the January 26-27, 2019 Board Meeting:
The Community Engagement Committee is to send out the political package to the Board of Directors for feedback throughout December. A decision is to be made at the January 27, 2019 board meeting.

D. **Internal Finance Committee**

Nothing to report at this time.

E. **Legacy Committee**

Nothing to report at this time.



- F. **Recognition Awards Committee**
Nothing to report at this time.

- G. **Education Issues and E-Scan**

Update: ACSTA GrACE and PSBAA together for students campaigns (Deferred November 29, 2018)

Allison met with PSBAA in Lethbridge. PSBAA outlined their plans, understands ASCA supports all school councils, regardless of faith.

Bill 30: Mental Health Services Protection Act – Passed Dec 5, 1028 (Deferred November 29, 2018)

The *Mental Health Services Protection Act*:

- requires all residential addiction treatment facilities to be licensed as of Nov. 1, 2019
- requires these facilities to establish consumer protection standards such as having a consent policy and service contract that outlines what services will be provided, the costs and the process for dealing with complaints
- gives government authority to address complaints and concerns and to amend, suspend or cancel an operating license
- creates a new College of Counselling Therapy of Alberta under the *Health Professions Act* to regulate about 5,000 counselling therapists, addiction counsellors and child and youth care counsellors
- protects the use of these professional titles and the title “psychotherapist”

Further standards and regulations will be developed over the next 2 years to minimize the operational impacts to service providers and clients.

Creating new regulations and standards for service providers and treatment facilities supports one of the key actions recommended in [Valuing Mental Health: Next Steps](#) and was informed by input received during [public engagement activities](#) held last summer.

The act will be rolled out in several phases.

Government will work with stakeholders on appropriate timing for the phased implementation of remaining regulations.

Of note: ASCA has provided representation on the Valuing Mental Health Stakeholder Committee, which provided input into this proposed new legislation

Time-Out, Seclusion and Physical Restraint Guidelines – Stakeholder Meeting

Allison, Brandi, Jaelene and Wendy attended the Stakeholder Meeting. There was good representation across the province. Some people were in opposition. There has been nothing new since that meeting. There needs to be a separate space or room apart from time out seclusion rooms. It shouldn't be contained as an 'all in one'.



Provincial Requirement to Report use of Class Size Funding (Deferred November 29, 2018)

Publicly funded schools across Alberta will now be required to report how many teachers they hired with class-size dollars from the provincial government.

Education Minister David Eggen sent a letter to school boards and charter schools across the province saying each school must report this winter how it spent money from the provincial class-size initiative, including which grades the new teachers will instruct.

Eggen is following through on a [recommendation from Alberta's auditor general, who said in a February report](#) governments had failed to track how schools spent \$2.7 billion meant to reduce class sizes over 13 years.

The number of classes larger than provincially recommended guidelines has grown during the last decade, [according to data posted publicly in June](#).

Reporting requirement eliminated in 2011

In 2004, the former Progressive Conservative government introduced the class-size initiative — targeted funding that was supposed to address teachers' concerns about the growing numbers and complex needs of students per class. Using an online tool called the Class Size Information System, school districts had to report how much each school received and how many teachers they hired or retained with that money.

In 2011, the PC government changed the program and eliminated the reporting requirements, but the money kept flowing. As of this school year, \$3.3 billion has now been given to boards to reduce class sizes, including \$295 million this school year, yet class sizes continued to grow.

Under Eggen's new reporting requirements, schools must report by next **Jan. 15** how and where they spent the money.

He was mum on his next steps, saying he had to see the data before acting further. He has not ruled out capping class sizes in some circumstances.

'Good first step'

- H. **Financial Report**
No report at this time.
- I. **Board Progress: Self-Evaluation Goals**
No report at this time.
- J. **Executive Director Report: Charity of Choice**
As presented.



MOTION: Lorna/Jaelene

That the ASCA Board of Directors selected the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities to donate to in lieu of paying speakers/presenters at the 2019 Conference. **CARRIED**

K. **Board Management: Vision Path Destinations - Advancement**
Nothing to report.

4.2 Representation (Provincial Level Participation)

A. **Director's Reports**
Nothing to report at this time.

B. **School Council Engagement Task Force Results/Outcomes**
As presented.

Action: Wendy to let the Board know how many school councils are on the School Council Engagement Task Force.

C. **Stakeholder Engagement**
Nothing to report at this time.

D. **External Advisory Committee Updates**
Nothing to report at this time.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None.

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS:** None

7. **MEETING EVALUATIONS:** None

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

President
Allison Pike

Executive Director
Wendy Keiver