



**MINUTES
August 31, 2020**

Present: Brandi Rai, President
Hollie Tarasewich, Director
Sarah Rollingson, Director
Krista Scott, Director
Sheila Hobday, Director
Shelley Odishaw, Vice President
Jacquie Surgenor Gaglione, Director
Rick Sakundiak, Director
Rich Haggarty, Director (7:20 p.m.)

Regrets: Lisa Arlint, Director

Staff: Wendy Keiver, Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Rai called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m., welcomed everyone and provided a Treaty and Territory Acknowledgement.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

Add: 4.1.K.ii – October General Meeting Update - verbal

MOTION: *Directors Tarasewich/Rollingson*

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

2.1 Board Meeting Protocols were supplied for information and review.

3. PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

3.1 June 27-28, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: *Directors Hobday/Surgenor Gaglione*

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the June 27-28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS: STEWARDSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

4.1 Stewardship (Association Oversight)

Committee Leads and Appointments/Consortium Reps

A. Advocacy Committee

i. School Council Engagement Task Force (SCETF) questions

MOTION: *Directors Scott/Surgenor Gaglione*

That the ASCA Board of Directors requests the Executive Director release to subscribed School Council Engagement Task Force (SCETF) Member School Councils question series 1 and 1A focusing on school re-entry and re-entry planning, as amended, the week of September 7, 2020, and question 2 focusing on the Weighted Moving Average funding model the week of October 19, 2020.

CARRIED



ii. Proposed Board Sponsored Emergent Advocacy Resolution

MOTION: Directors Tarasewich/Haggarty

*That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the proposed Board Sponsored Emergent Advocacy Resolution
Emergency Funding for COVID19 and other Emergencies Impacting Schools as presented. CARRIED*

B. Governance Committee

No report

C. Internal Finance Committee

No report

D. Legacy Committee

No report

E. Member Engagement Committee

No report

F. Recognition Awards Committee

No report

G. Education Issues and E-Scan

CASS as a Professional Organization: President Rai provided an overview of the concepts of CASS becoming a legislated professional organization. Written materials were provided by the ED via email after the meeting.

School Re-entry: President Rai relayed the advocacy efforts undertaken by the Executive and staff over the summer, related to school re-entry, as well as the ongoing concerns she has received from parents across the province. ASCA will continue to advocate for funding that will enable boards to reduce class sizes, provide supports and resources for students with special needs, obtain adequate and suitable PPE for students and staff, and make any other adjustments they may need in order to keep students, staff and families healthy and safe throughout the school year.

Items identified by Directors: Foster parents are not being provided the same latitude of choosing in-person or online learning for students in their care, as other parents in Alberta are. A letter from the Children's Services Ministry strongly encourages foster parents to choose in-person learning and does not clearly lay out how exemptions can be requested or appealed. President Rai and the Executive Director will look into this further.

H. Financial Report

Current: The Executive Director gave a verbal report of the current financial status of the Association, in addition to the Briefing Note requesting permission to transfer reserve funds.

MOTION: Directors Sakundiak/Hobday

That the ASCA Board of Directors directs the Executive Director to utilize the two (2) Cashable GICs (\$50,000.00 and \$30,000.00) one at a time, to cover ASCA operation expenses up until the end of November, if needed. CARRIED



I. Board Progress: Vision Path Destinations and Growth Goals Progress

No report

J. Executive Director Report

i. Monthly Activities:

No report

ii. Satisfaction Surveys Results

The ASCA Board of Directors provided feedback on the format, questions, and results of both surveys. Direction was provided to the Executive Director to implement improvements for the 2020-2021 Satisfaction Surveys.

MOTION: Vice President Odishaw/Director Haggarty

That the ASCA Board of Directors utilizes the results of the two (2) 2020 surveys – School Council Satisfaction and Stakeholder Satisfaction – to assist in focusing its efforts on enhanced member engagement and representation. CARRIED

Action: The Executive Director will implement improvements for the 2020-2021 Satisfaction Surveys.

iii. Personnel Update

MOTION: Directors Surgenor Gaglione/Rollingson

That the ASCA Board of Directors go In Camera to discuss confidential Association business. CARRIED

MOTION: Directors Surgenor Gaglione/Tarasewich

That the ASCA Board of Directors go Out of Camera. CARRIED

MOTION: Directors Surgenor Gaglione/Rollingson

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the verbal personnel update report from the Executive Director as presented. CARRIED

iv. Parliamentary Rules of Order Summary

MOTION: Directors Tarasewich/Rollingson

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves in principle the content and basic layout of the Draft Rules of Order Summary Document, to be distributed to ASCA Member School Councils once formatted appropriately. CARRIED

K. Board Management

i. Mentorship/PODs:

President Rai encouraged Board Members to complete the 90-minute online *Respect in Schools* training/certification.

ii. In Camera

Not required

iii. October General Meeting Update

The Executive Director provided financial estimates for three (3) options for the October General Meeting:



- a. Combined in-person/virtual event at the Delta Marriot Hotel which would allow representation from possibly 36 Member School Councils to attend in person;
- b. A Board and staff only in-person event at the Radisson hotel, with virtual attendance by Member School Councils similar to the Live Member Engagement Opportunity hosted by the Board November 2019;
- c. An 'essential Board and staff only' in-person event utilizing the ASCA office spaces, with virtual attendance by Member School Councils similar to the 2020 ASCA AGM.

DECISION: With due consideration given to the costs associated with each option, and health and safety concerns/protocols, the ASCA Board of Directors agrees by consensus to utilize the ASCA office spaces as needed to conduct a virtual General Meeting for ASCA Member School Councils on October 17, 2020.

Action: The Executive Director will make the appropriate arrangements to ensure all ASCA Member School Councils have an opportunity to be represented by their Parent Delegate virtually at the October 17, 2020 General Meeting of the Association.

4.2 Representation (Provincial Level Participation)

A. Director's Reports

No report

B. School Council Engagement Task Force Results

No report

C. Stakeholder Engagement

No report

D. Advocacy in Action Summary

No report

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Future **Virtual** Meeting Dates: To Be Decided; October 15, 2020

6.2 Future **In-Person** Meeting Dates: September 19-20, 2020; November 14-15, 2020; January 16-17, 2021; March 13-14, 2021 *Sunday Working Lunch provided*

6.3 Future **General Meetings** of ASCA: **October 17, 2020**

7. MEETING EVALUATIONS: A link to an electronic evaluation survey was provided.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

President
Brandi Rai

Executive Director
Wendy Keiver