



**MINUTES
June 11-12, 2022**

Present: Brandi Rai, President
Rich Haggarty, Director
Andi Romito, Director (June 11 only)
Jacqui Vanderfluit, Director
Shelley Odishaw, Vice President
Kerry Bodell, Director
Greta Gerstner, Director
Krista Li, Director

Regrets/Leave: Melissa Smith, Director

Staff: Wendy Keiver, Executive Director

Guests: Honorable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education
Erin Allen, Ministerial Assistant
Jacquie Surgenor Gaglione, Leadership and Life Consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Rai called the meeting to order at 8:00 am on Saturday June 11, 2022, and welcomed everyone. She provided a Treaty and Territory Acknowledgement. Directors then participated in an ice-breaker activity.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Haggarty

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

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

2.1 Board Meeting Protocols and Team Agreement were supplied for information and review.

3. PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

3.1 May 16, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Li

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts May 16, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS: STEWARDSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

4.1 Stewardship (Association Oversight)

A. Advocacy and Resolutions Committee

MOTION: Directors Haggarty/Odishaw

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Advocacy and Resolutions Committee report for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Advocacy Committee Terms of reference

MOTION: Directors Haggarty/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Advocacy and Resolutions Committee's Terms of Reference as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY



Draft School Council Engagement Task Force Timelines and Questions

MOTION: Directors Haggarty/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Advocacy and Resolutions Committee's proposed timeline for School Council Engagement Task Force questions to be shared with Member School Councils.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Haggarty/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors requests the Executive Director provide the Board with specific date details regarding School Council Engagement Task Force dates at the September 2022 Board Meeting.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Governance Committee

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Governance Committee report for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Fundamental Declaration Review Schedule

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Fundamental Declaration Review Schedule for information with the recommendation that the Governance Committee continue to review the schedule for capacity over the summer and bring back for consideration at the October board meeting.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors recommends that the Governance Committee reviews the Fundamental Declaration Review Schedule for capacity.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

New 2U School Council

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors removes New 2U School Council from the Governance Policy Manual.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Governance Committee Terms of reference

MOTION: Directors: Gerstner/Li

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Governance Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Internal Finance Committee

MOTION: Directors: Bodell/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Internal Finance Committee report for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Internal Finance Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: Directors: Bodell/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Internal Finance Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY



External Fundraising Committee

MOTION: Directors: Bodell/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors discusses striking an External Fundraising Committee at the June board meeting.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors: Gerstner/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors strikes a Fund Development Committee, comprised of Directors Vanderfluit, Gerstner, Li, and Romito.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: The Fund Development Committee is to develop its Terms of Reference to circulate to the Board of Directors and Executive Director on or before June 18th, for Board approval via email on or before June 25th.

D. Legacy Committee

MOTION: Directors: Romito/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Legacy Committee report for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Legacy Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: Directors: Romito/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Legacy Committee's Terms of Reference as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Member Engagement Committee

MOTION: President Rai/Director Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Member Engagement Committee report for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Member Engagement Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: President Rai/Director Haggarty

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Member Engagement Committees Terms of Reference as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Nominations Committee

MOTION: Directors: Romito/Haggarty

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Nominations Committee report for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Nominations Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: Directors: Romito/Haggarty

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Nominations Committee's Terms of Reference as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY



G. Recognition Awards Committee

MOTION: Directors: Bodell/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Recognition Awards Committee report for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft Recognition Awards Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: Directors: Bodell/Li

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Recognition Awards Committee's 2022-2023 Terms of Reference as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: The Executive Director is to finalize all Committee Terms of Reference and post when ready.

H. Education Issues and E-Scan

Roundtable: Items identified by Directors:

There have been several community discussions related to the recent labour decision that teachers had voted on. Varied perspectives, primary citizen concerns related to classroom size and composition.

There is also acknowledgement that a strike or lockout would have been catastrophic for both students and teachers.

Directors reported concerns related to the state of students' and teachers' mental health.

Some divisions are very concerned about the lack of infrastructure funding, causing students to transfer systems to access schools closer to home.

An effort to establish a CoSC in a school division is being met with strong resistance from the division; parents/school councils believe it would be very beneficial in terms of shared resources and building community and will continue to advocate.

Concerns with the funding that has caused school divisions to cut supports for the most vulnerable students.

Parents are discussing principal transitions, and how the process can be improved to maintain continuity.

Conversations with other school council members related to the roles of school councils and fundraising associations and utilizing ASCA to assist and guide.

Parent engagement in some schools seems to be at an all-time low, and influencing positive change is becoming more difficult.

Even in well-functioning school divisions, parents are exhausted and have nothing left to 'give' beyond the bare necessities for their family.

Recognition that relationships were damaged through the course of the pandemic, and school and system leaders will need to focus on repairing those fractures.

Struggles with school councils choosing appropriate uses for their ASCE Grants, and a lack of understand of how ASCA can benefit school councils.

Great concerns with shortage of specialized supports funding, despite recent announcements that might imply otherwise.

Consistent reminders to teachers that parents are their partners, and want to support and understand their lived realities, is important. Coming together as a compassionate community in September is essential.



I. Financial Report

- i. Income Statement at May 31, 2022, forecast and revised budget

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Li

That the ASCA Board of Directors moves in camera to discuss association financial business.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Bodell left the meeting at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, returning at 8:00 a.m. June 12th.

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors moves out of camera.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION (from in Camera): Directors Haggarty/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors directs the Executive Director and the Fund Development Committee to prepare alternative funding options that can realize additional revenue early in the 2022 - 2023 school year.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the May 31, 2022 Income Statement with revised 2021-22 Budget and Year End Forecast for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. Balance Sheet at May 31, 2022 with June 2022 accruals

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Vanderfluit

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the May 31, 2022 Balance Sheet for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Vice President Odishaw and the Executive Director spoke about the new electronic tool being used to gather and report on Director's activities that support the Board's Growth Goals and the Vision Path. Preliminary results indicate ease of use for Directors, and the production of a meaningful report for the Board. Directors were asked to continue to test the tool over the summer months and be prepared to use it for formal reporting in early September.

Vice President Odishaw left the meeting at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 11 to attend an Indigenous event in her community, returning at 1:00 p.m.

K. Executive Director Report

- i. Monthly Activities: ED, Staff

MOTION: Directors Romito/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the Monthly Activities report for information.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY



ii. 2022 Conference and AGM Evaluations Results

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Haggarty

That the ASCA Board of Directors analyzes and utilizes the results of the 2022 ASCA Conference Evaluation Survey to provide direction to the Executive Director for ongoing work of the Association and the 2023 ASCA School Councils Conference.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Bodell/Haggarty

That the ASCA Board of Directors analyzes and utilizes the results of the 2022 Annual General Meeting Evaluation Survey to provide direction to the Executive Director for the 2023 Annual General Meeting and any other virtual engagement opportunities with school councils.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Board Management

i. Mentorship/PODs

The Board worked in small groups during the DISC Professional Development item.
(4.1.L.iv)

ii. In Camera

The ASCA Board of Directors moved in camera to discuss association financial business.
(4.1.L.i)

The ASCA Board of Directors moved in camera to discuss a concern from a parent involving a personal matter.
(4.1.L.iii)

iii. Concern from a Parent on an ASCA Member School Council.

MOTION: Directors Odishaw/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors moves in camera to discuss a personal matter.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Haggarty

That the ASCA Board of Directors moves out of camera.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

The ASCA Board of Directors discussed the concern from the parent and agreed with the direction taken by the President.

iv. DISC Professional Development

The Board welcomed former ASCA Director Jacquie Surgenor Gaglione in her new role as the owner of Leadership and Life by Kayric Inc. Ms. Surgenor Gaglione led the Board through professional development focused on understanding and utilizing DISC profiling.

v. Review/Revise Meeting Protocols & Team Agreement



MOTION: Directors Haggarty/Li

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the ASCA Board Meeting Protocols as revised.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Li/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the ASCA Board Team Agreement as revised.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Representation (Provincial Level Participation)

A. Director's Reports

There were no Director Reports for this Board Meeting.

B. School Council Engagement Task Force: Q3 Results

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Haggarty

That the ASCA Board of Directors adopts the School Council Engagement Task Force Question #3 results report for information as presented.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Stakeholder Engagement

- i. Minister of Education, Honourable Adriana LaGrange
President Rai welcomed the Minister and invited Directors to introduce themselves. Minister LaGrange thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and spoke to several priority areas for education: learning gaps, mental health supports, nutrition programs, post-secondary transition options, transportation expenses, curriculum implementation, curriculum piloting, Bill 15 (Royal Assent May 31, 2022), hiring a Commissioner shortly – regulatory processes being undertaken, Minister's Parent Advisory Council, Alberta School Council Engagement Grant.

President Rai reminded the Minister that ASCA's recent approved Advocacy Policies have been sent to her office, and that her written response – once received – will be posted on the ASCA website for Members to view.

President Rai also asked what one area of pride is for the Minister, during her time, and what she hasn't been able to accomplish that she still hopes to.

Minister LaGrange replied that the collective efforts of the department and Albertan's got us through the Covid-19 pandemic with less disruption than many areas of Canada and the world.

In 2007 as a newly elected trustee, Minister LaGrange learned that the curriculum was being reviewed for revision. Many billions of dollars, and years, later, she has been able to finalize portions of a revised curriculum, pilot other portions, and begin the review/revision processes for the remainder. In addition, the legislation that has been revised or created during her term will improve the education system overall.



A remaining priority includes the task force on careers and pathways (post-secondary transitions) and providing more robust wrap around services in a holistic and integrated ways, and having ministries work less in silos and more collaboratively.

President Rai thanked the Minister for her thoughtful responses and how she has done what she believes is best for children. President Rai looks forward to working collaborative on the many initiatives upcoming.

- ii. Executive Partner/Stakeholder Activities
The Executive Director provided a summary of upcoming events and opportunities to represent ASCA and stressed the importance of encouraging parents to participate in the Education and the Impact of Covid-19 survey.
- iii. Virtual Gathering on Anti-Indigenous Racism (IERC Event)
The Executive Director reminded Directors to register to attend the ½ day virtual event.

D. Advocacy in Action Summary

A link to the report was provided to the Board on the agenda.

4.3 Unfinished Business

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1 Future **Weekend** Meeting Dates: *To Be Decided*

5.2 Future **Weekday Evening** Meeting Dates: *To Be Decided*

5.3 Future **Pre-Conference** Board Meeting: **April 21, 2023, time TBD**

5.4 Future **General Meetings** of ASCA: **2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) April 23, 2023**

5.5 Future **Post-AGM Board** meeting: **April 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

6. MEETING EVALUATIONS: Due before 12:00 noon Wednesday, June 15, 2022

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

President
Brandi Rai

Executive Director
Wendy Keiver

The ASCA Board of Directors makes decisions to ensure the Alberta School Councils' Association is: Relevant; Sustainable; Autonomous; and Innovative.