

## CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE for Prospective Board Members 2025

Please note – there is a 100-word limit on all answers.

Name: Meagan Parisian

1. Why do you wish to serve on the ASCA Board of Directors?

It is important to me that the legacy of this organization continues and is strengthened to represent the breadth of demographics of Alberta's school communities. Over the past year as a Director, I've been able to serve as a Director and would be honoured to continue this service as Vice President to advocate for Alberta's school communities.

2. What is your school council experience?

Ecole Barrie Wilson School Council - 2017 to present (currently Chair)  
Ecole Central Middle School Council - 2023 to present (currently Chair)  
RDPSD City-Wide School Council - 2019 to present (first as Member Representative for Barrie Wilson, am now in second term as Vice Chair)

3. How will your greatest strength help you perform as a board member?

I have a passion for our school communities and our Alberta education system. That passion includes asking questions, listening, and continually learning to broaden my base knowledge and include diverse perspectives outside of my own potential biases. This passion is what will help drive my work as Vice President and propel ASCA forward as we look to our 100th anniversary in a few short years.

4. What do you see as the top priority or challenge for K-12 parents in the province?

Funding will always be the biggest challenge in Alberta as our schools struggle to keep up with population growth and the infrastructure that is required for our students. The need for cross-ministerial funding as schools continually look beyond just curricular education to educate the whole child is also a priority, and was past as an Advocacy Resolution in 2023.

5. Give an example of how you have dealt with differing perspectives:

In 2021 I ran for a position as trustee for RDPSD school board. I heard many diverse perspectives - some of which aligned with mine, some of which were quite opposing. I approached every conversation with an attitude of respect with the same expectation in return; by setting this expectation up front, I was able to have authentic conversations that were (mostly) positive experiences and learn from those I engaged with.

6. Have you reviewed the time commitment required to be a Director? Yes ☒ How do you see yourself balancing your professional and personal life to manage the duties of a board member?

I lost my job in January 2025 and given my niche skillset will be moving forward with part time contract work for the foreseeable future.

7. Do you have affiliations/involvement that may affect/influence your performance as a board member or be perceived as a conflict of interest? (e.g. family, political, volunteer, employment, etc.)

No.

8. On which social media platforms do you have a profile or presence, in either your own name, a business/organization name, or an alias? (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter "X", Instagram, etc.)

LinkedIn  
Facebook  
Twitter (X)  
Instagram  
Snapchat  
Reddit

9. Please provide all social media profile or presence usernames, addresses, and links. Failure to disclose all accounts for which you have a recognizable online presence may result in your disqualification as a candidate.

@meagandoesstuff on Instagram, Twitter  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/meaganparisian>  
Facebook (personal profile) Facebook.com/meaganpari  
Reddit: ellemenop403

10. What do you view as the purpose for social media?

Promotion, community engagement, respectful dialogue.

11. What makes you an ideal candidate for the position?

I feel I have the passion and diverse set of skills, as well as desire to learn and grow my knowledge base, that will continue to be valuable to the board and ASCA as a whole.

### **Additional CANDIDATES QUESTIONS for Previous or Current Board Members**

How has the ASCA Board been successful because of your work on the Board?

I have spent the majority of my first year on the Board learning about our Vision Path, enhancing my knowledge about our purpose, and networking with stakeholders within my region. I also assisted in lending my experience to some technical areas, including our Governance Policy manual in relation to social media policy.

How did your preparation and attendance impact your contribution to the Board?

In my preparation for board meetings, I was able to ask thoughtful questions regarding our financial picture as well as our approach to the future of the organization. I only missed one board meeting because of a pre-scheduled conflict, which I was able to review the content of after the fact.

What have you learned during your time with the Board, and what will you do with that experience moving forward?

I have learned immensely from my peers - governance skills, teamwork and collaboration. Their encouragement and our collaborative work together has made me more resilient and helped me strive to be a better Director and colleague.

Please include a (jpeg) photo submitted with the questionnaire and nomination form.

Candidate information is posted on the ASCA website at **three** intervals; March 15, April 1, and 10 days prior to the election at the AGM. This **FORM** must be completed and submitted electronically ONLY by email to [parents@albertaschoolcouncils.ca](mailto:parents@albertaschoolcouncils.ca)