

Alberta School Councils Conference & AGM



Edmonton South

April 24 - 26, 2015 Delta Edmonton

# Programme

**Inukshuk**, pronounced (in-ook-shook), are stone monuments erected in the image of humans.

One of their purposes was to communicate direction to make the way easier and safer for those who followed.

The Inukshuk are the product of cooperation, teaching us that as good as individual efforts are, together we can do greater things.

Each stone is a separate entity. Each supports, and is supported by, the one above and the one below it. No one piece is any more or less important than another. Its strength lies in its unity; its significance comes from its meaning as a whole.

The stones which make up the Inukshuk are secured through balance. They are chosen for how well they fit together. Looking at the structure it can be easily seen that the removal of even one stone will destroy the integrity of the whole.

A symbol of the human spirit, the Inukshuk remind us of our need to belong to something greater than ourselves, reinforcing our ability to commit to common goals and succeed with others.

The Inukshuk celebrate working together. They continue to remind us of our inter-dependent responsibilities to invest our efforts today, in directing a better way for tomorrow.

## Event Schedule at a Glance

### Friday April 24

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Pre-sessions (4)
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Resource Gallery Exhibits & Winners Circle Prizes
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Welcome Social Round Table Exchange

### Saturday April 25

7:00 am - 7:45 am	Registration
7:00 am - 7:45 am	Breakfast
7:45 am - 8:15 am	Opening Greetings
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6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Banquet Event Dinner, Awards, Entertainment

### Sunday April 26

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration
8:15 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Business Meeting
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Meeting, Board Elections

## April 24 Pre-sessions

## 3:00 pm - 4:30

### Emerald Room

#### A. Seeking Sponsorships for Schools

Information on forming strategic relationships with organizations - corporate or community based, to gain sponsorships in support of school projects or programs. Save time and energy by learning the *Do's and Don'ts* of how to access dollars. This session shows how to form strategic sponsorships that are mutually beneficial, often long-lasting, and an alternative to seeking grant funding. Presented by Jacqueline Green, a parent, parenting coach and former Grande Yellowhead School Board Trustee. Jacqueline is the creator and current host of the **Great Parenting Show.com**.

### Diamond Room

#### B. Navigating New Beginnings *Helping parents and young adults navigate the first move away from home.*

With over 10 years' experience of housing young adults, Elizabeth Alke holds a BA in English, a Masters in Adult Education, and formed a company called "OARS1" - which refers to the tools that propel and help navigate life's voyage. Based on youth transition research, this workshop is for parents of high school students anticipating their son or daughters first move, and provides resources, preparation and life skills checklists from post-secondary and social service agencies.

### Banff Room

#### C. Playground Projects

*"Everything you ever wanted to know about putting up a playground in your community".*

Presented by Pat Zelenak with PlayWorks - designing playgrounds, spray and skate parks in Western Canada for 25 years. A children first philosophy, PlayWorks covers the process of funding, budgeting, planning, design and installation options, to create positive play experiences that children will never want to leave! Resources include *Seven Step Process for Play Area Design and Construction*, *Top Ten Things Your Playground Committee Needs To Know*, *Playground Construction Stages*, and *Playground Design Goals*.

### Jasper Room

#### D. School Resource Officers (SROs)

Information on the Edmonton Police Service program in high schools - balancing enforcement with prevention and intervention to ensure a safe and caring place of learning. Constable Matt LeBlanc, Constable Brian McCune and Constable Rob Brown will share how the program works, with an overview of lockdowns, search and seizure, threat assessment, and working with school administrators in preventing school violence by promoting relationship building in the community.

## Welcome from President, Brad Vonkeman



Welcome to the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference offering information, resources, and opportunity to share and connect with others from across the province.

The 2015 conference will consider “a culture of community” with a focus on community contributing to student success, encompassing cultural perspectives and best practices. Sessions will expand on the theme, sharing the value of school councils and opportunities for parent engagement in education.

Thirty topics are available in the breakout sessions including meeting management, relationship building, best practices, mentoring partnerships, inclusive classrooms, education funding, student assessment, online trends, post-secondary planning, cultural considerations for diverse populations and healthy school communities. In addition, four (4) pre-session topics are available.

An expanded Resource Gallery – with more exhibits, additional visiting hours, and the ever popular *Winners Circle* prizes, will be a highlight for many attendees.

We are privileged and excited to have Dr. Debbie Pushor join us for a keynote address. Her research on parent engagement will enlighten and leave us considering the critical markers guiding our way to meaningful positioning of parents in schools.

Our banquet evening promises to be rich in flavor, friendship and culture, and precedes the Sunday business meeting and election of the ASCA provincial Board of Directors.

So, welcome - we are glad you could attend!

Please enjoy a full agenda promoting engagement for excellence in public education.

I hope you have a great experience and I look forward to meeting you throughout the event.

*Brad Vonkeman*



Premier of Alberta

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## Message from Honourable Jim Prentice Premier of Alberta

*On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome all delegates attending the 2015 Alberta School Councils' Association Conference.*

*Our children are the greatest investment we can make in our province's future. Countless opportunities await them, and it is important that they have the tools they need to reach their full potential.*

*Parental involvement plays an important role in the continued development of our schools and programs, and in reinforcing the education children receive in the classroom. School councils are integral in shaping the future of Alberta's education system, and your commitment is vital to help ensure our children receive the best possible educational opportunities.*

*I acknowledge and thank you for your tireless commitment to education in Alberta. Best wishes for an inspiring and successful event.*

Jim Prentice

*April 25, 2015*





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*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-Elbow*

### **Greetings from the Honourable Gordon Dirks Minister of Education**

Welcome to the 2015 Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference and Annual General Meeting.

As a former educator, school administrator and public school board representative, I know the tremendous positive impact that engaged parents can have on our students and our education system.

*Inspiring Education* has taught us that the entire community must be engaged as a true partner to successfully transform our education system. School councils are the embodiment of this engagement.

I salute ASCA's commitment to our schools, our children and our communities, and I look forward to continuing our work together as we strengthen the education system in Alberta.

I wish you all a successful and encouraging conference.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gordon Dirks".

Gordon Dirks  
Minister of Education

## April 25 Breakout Sessions 8:30 am – 9:30 am

### Emerald Room

#### **The New Education Act Implementation – what will it mean for parents and guardians?**

The Education Act is new legislation which will replace the School Act and sets out responsibilities for all partners in the education system, including students, parents, and school boards. *“WHEREAS education is a shared responsibility and requires collaboration, engagement and empowerment of all partners in the education system to ensure that all students achieve their potential.”*

Presented by Terry Gunderson, Education Consultant with the Alberta School Boards Association, and Michele Mulder, Executive Director, Alberta School Councils’ Association.

### Diamond Room

#### **Insurance and School Council – what’s to know?**

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*(This session will run again at 3:30 pm)*

### Edmonton Room

#### **Introduction to School Council**

What is the point of a school council and what should it be doing? If school council is new to you, understanding the value and importance, the legislation that mandates rights, responsibilities and choices, as well as some of the language in the education community, will help you become a more confident and engaged school council member. Presented by Alberta School Councils’ Association Contract Field Instructors Ray Viel and Lynda Akers.

### Red Deer Room

#### **Online School and Blended Learning**

This session looks at successful strategies and best practices to ensure high school completion for students. A presentation on personalizing education using online learning with traditional school to help students complete high school.

Presented by Ryan Sawula, Principal of St. Gabriel Online School, St. John Paul II Catholic Outreach School, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

### Canmore Room

#### **Fundraising Associations & School Councils**

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### Medicine Hat Room

#### **Online Trends:**

##### **Keeping Up with Your Kids**

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### Fort McMurray Room

#### **School Traffic Safety - the Way to Be! Living Respectfully Program**

If student drop-off and pick-up times are a nightmare at your child’s school, then this session is for you! Moving beyond the crosswalk and raising awareness about school traffic concerns is not about making more rules, issuing more tickets, or putting up more road signs. It’s about students, parents, and staff working together to develop solutions. Presenter Beverly Dekker will introduce you to the *Way to Be! - Living Respectfully* program and how your school can access this free resource - developed in collaboration with the *AMA School Safety Patrol* and the Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities.

### Calgary Room

#### **Building School Connectedness**

Students state that when they feel heard and respected by teachers and peers, they feel a sense of belonging. Research shows a direct link between students’ sense of belonging, attitudes towards learning and their academic success. This session will examine ways to foster a positive social environment so students develop healthy relationships to remain connected. Presented by Heather Rootsart with **Ever Active Schools** – supporting healthy school communities in Alberta.

#### Emerald Room

##### **The Education System – an overview of how it all works**

A look at the elements that make up our education system in Alberta. The *WHO, WHAT, WHY*, and *HOW* it all fits and works together. From government to school boards, legislation and administration, to parents and school councils. Presented by Michele Mulder, Executive Director, Alberta School Councils' Association.

#### Diamond Room

##### **Working with Schools to Support Students with Special Needs**

Special education is one of the most conflict ridden areas of the education system. Sources of conflict vary, but can relate to struggles to ensure a child receives the services he or she may need. Kathryn Burke is the Executive Director of *Edmonton's Centre for Literacy*, previous Director of the *Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta* and book author of *An Accidental Advocate*, which chronicles her family's journey in supporting her son's exceptional needs. Drawing upon principles of interest based negotiation, Kathryn provides practical strategies to prevent conflict, maintain effective working relationships and focus on what is best for the student with exceptional learning needs.

#### Edmonton Room

##### **CAREERS: the Next Generation**

A presentation on *Careers: the Next Generation* organization – mission, vision, purpose and partnerships, as a valued resource for parents supporting their children in career goals. Session includes information about the RAP program as well as upcoming trends in the workforce and future jobs. *What will be in demand? What education will be required?* Presentation by Regional Director, Scott Northfield.

#### Red Deer Room

##### **Internet Safety and Smartphone Education**

How to keep families safer online with the TelusWISE (*Wise Internet and Smartphone Education*) program. Given the steady growth of smartphone adoption and internet use by children and teens, this session covers security practices, with tips and tools for keeping them safe from online criminal activity such as financial fraud or child predators. TELUS Manager, Shelly Blackburn, presents. *(This session will run again at 3:30 pm)*

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##### **Education Funding in Alberta**

*The big picture – how is education funded in Alberta?* What do dollars look like at the provincial level, the school jurisdiction level, and at the school level? Deborah Schlag, CMA, CSBO, is Secretary Treasurer for Greater St. Albert Schools. Deb's positions have included *Business Manager, School Business Coordinator* and *Finance Manager* with the District, and she is an active member of the Association of School Business Officials of Alberta (ASBOA). *(Repeats at 3:30 pm)*

#### Medicine Hat Room

##### **Mentoring Programs in the School Community**

The presence of caring individuals providing support and friendship (mentoring) has proven to have a positive impact on school attendance, social skills, attitude, and behavior. Learn about the tools and resources available to support school-based mentoring programs, explore strength-based practices, positive youth development, and how these connect to mentoring initiatives, with attention to supporting students from Aboriginal and immigrant communities. Join Kari Readman, Agency Trainer for *Boys and Girls Club Big Brothers Big Sisters* of Edmonton, and consider how to champion a mentoring program in your community.

#### Fort McMurray Room

##### **Creating Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments**

This interactive session will provide information on creating environments that engage and support students to be successful in school and beyond and where inappropriate behavior, including bullying, is less likely to occur. Information on related changes in the Education Act will be shared along with evidence informed strategies and approaches. Presented by David Rust, Director of Community Partnerships and Caroline Missal, Project Manager, with the Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities.

#### Calgary Room

##### **Cultural Considerations and Diverse Populations**

Insight from the *Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers* on engaging parents of students who come from a variety of cultures and backgrounds. Cultural sensitivity, protocols, and potential barriers to engagement strategies will be considered, along with a look at Alberta's diverse immigrant population statistics. Suzanne Gross, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, works with the school system to ensure positive welcoming in schools for the benefit of immigrant youth and their families.

#### Jasper Room

##### **Positive Social Environments in Schools**

A priority area of comprehensive school health is a focus on creating an environment to support social-emotional learning (SEL). SEL identifies five interrelated sets of competencies for healthy relationships, creating a positive social environment - where every child is physically safe, emotionally secure and psychologically enabled to learn. Presented by Elizabeth Coldbeck and Colleen Wright with the *Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness Fund*, Centre for Health Promotion Studies, School of Public Health, University of Alberta.



## April 25 Breakout Sessions 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

### Emerald Room

#### **ASCA: the Association and its Provincial Impact**

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Executive Director, Michele Mulder facilitates this session about the provincial association – its profile, purpose and position in public education. What it means to be on the Board of Directors, where do we fit in the provincial community, government relations, how do resolutions and policy make a difference in education and impact students?

### Fort McMurray Room

#### **A Whole-School Approach to Positive Mental Health**

This session will clarify the difference between positive mental health and mental illness. Everyone has mental health, including those with a mental illness, and everyone can improve their mental health. Practical examples of what positive mental health looks like in each of the pillars of *Comprehensive School Health* will be discussed. Participants will increase their comfort in talking about mental health and promoting positive mental health in the school community. Matthew Mitschke is a *Health Promotion Coordinator* with Alberta Health Services Healthy Children and Youth team in Edmonton.

### Edmonton Room

#### **School Council Best Practices Sharing Session: *Engagement and Communication Strategies***

Engagement within, and communication with, a school community, are the biggest challenges that most school councils face. What are others doing to overcome obstacles? Come to share your struggles and successes with colleagues from across the province in this facilitated round table exchange of best practices for engagement and communication strategies. Presenters are Brenda Kell and Nadine Duiker, Contract Field Instructors with the Alberta School Councils' Association.

### Red Deer Room

#### **Wellness, Resiliency and Partnership - the WRaP Project**

Dedicated to improving the outcomes for junior and senior high school students diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the province of Alberta, this session shares the development and successes of this innovative project. Recognizing that youth with FASD required accessible and flexible supports, a "success coach" model was implemented to work with students, family members and community partners. Tracy Mastrangelo is Project Coordinator and Mentor Lead for the *Wellness Resiliency and Partnership (WRaP)* project, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools.

### Diamond Room

#### **Early Interventions for Reading Readiness**

Identifying risks of reading problems early and responding with timely and effective interventions can significantly reduce the severity of a child's reading difficulties. The *Reading Readiness Screening Tool* for K-1 students helps identify phonological awareness and print-based reading weaknesses. Insights and interventions can help overcome barriers to literacy for English-speaking as well as English-language learners. Joanne Heckbert is the ***Right to Read Project*** coordinator for the *Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta*. "Activities for Parents to Build Reading Readiness Skills" will be provided.

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#### **From Here to There: School Council Parent to Public Service Position**

*"I started on school council...what I learned gave me the confidence to look for more opportunities to advance the importance of parents in public education, and helped me realize I could contribute successfully in other public service positions."* Meet three parents who continued after school council involvement to making a difference in elected positions today. **Bev Esslinger**, Edmonton City Councillor. **Deanna Specht**, Trustee and Board Chair, Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division. **Marilyn Welsch**, former Trustee with Holy Spirit Catholic School Board and current Contract Instructor for the Alberta School Councils' Association.

### Calgary Room

#### **Meeting Management**

Productive and meaningful school council meetings rely on strong leadership and clear, easy to follow processes. Creating a solid "*Agenda*", encouraging members to understand and follow simple "*Rules of Order*" and learning how to "*Direct Discussion*" will help ensure school council meetings will not waste anyone's valuable time. Discover how these three important tools are easy to construct and utilize for your school council meeting. Presented by Becky Kallal and Lynda Akers, Alberta School Councils' Association Contract Field Instructors.

### Medicine Hat Room

#### **Dual Credit for Students**

Assisting students with transitions, dual credit pathways offer opportunity for high school students to earn both high school and post-secondary credits for the same coursework; to work towards preferred placement at a post-secondary institution, or to achieve workplace certification through high school. This session will provide an overview of the *Provincial Dual Credit Strategy* and highlight partnerships in place. Presented by Debbie Vance, Dual Credit Administrator, College of Alberta School Superintendents.

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### Emerald Room

#### Planning for Post-Secondary

There is an overwhelming amount of information to consider when choosing a post-secondary path. **Learning Clicks** is a government program to prepare students for this transition by providing career and education planning resources. Discover post-secondary options, how to assess which option is a good fit, and what funding is available. Presented by Deanna Kretzel, *Learning Clicks Ambassador* and current student at the University of Alberta.

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#### Relationship Building in Your Community

School councils can build relationships with people, groups, businesses and organizations in their community to support their work in the school. Relationships should be established with a focus to support and enhance student learning. Examine how to ensure they are informative, collaborative, respectful and how creating and following protocols is vital to the success of these relationships. Presented by Alberta School Councils’ Association Contract Field Instructors, Marilyn Welsch and Glenn Doonanco.

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### Fort McMurray Room

#### Celebrating and Supporting Diversity in the Classroom and Community: What can YOU do to create a safe and caring environment for LGBTQ youth?

Gender and sexual minority youth are at an increased risk for negative health and life outcomes including substance abuse, depression, anxiety and suicide. This interactive session will explore how to support sexual and gender minority youth by creating safe, caring and inclusive classrooms and schools that foster resilience. Presented by David Rust, Director of Community Partnerships and Caroline Missal, Project Manager, with the Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities.

### Calgary Room

#### Building Relationships in the Education Community

Fostering and expanding relationships with those involved in provincial education can help school councils be effective in their role in the school. These relationships are based on a focus of supporting and enhancing student learning. Examine how to ensure they are informative, collaborative, respectful of boundaries, and how creating and following protocols is vital to success. Presenters, Mary Marson-Troicuk and Rhonda Schumm are Contract Field Instructors with the Alberta School Councils’ Association.

### Jasper Room

#### Reaching Into the Circle: Connecting with First Nations, Metis and Inuit Families

Is your school council having challenges connecting with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) families? By weaving culturally welcoming strategies into your environment, you can build relationships with Aboriginal families in your school community. Discover how to “*reach into this circle*” with Athena McKenzie, a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta and Kristen Miller, Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation, both consultants working with the FNMI Education Unit at the Edmonton Public School Board.

Featured Speaker

Keynote Address

Saturday April 25

11:45 am

Imperial Ballroom

## Parent Engagement: Markers that Guide our Way

Dr. Debbie Pushor



Debbie will lead us in considering the questions: What is the place of parents in the schooling and education of their children?

How might attending to the learning of children in the context of families and communities change the current nature of our school systems, and enhance educational outcomes for students and all other stakeholders?

In exploring these questions, Debbie will discuss attributes of authentic parent engagement, attributes which are critical markers in the meaningful positioning of parents in their children's teaching and learning.

Debbie Pushor, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. In her program of research, Debbie has engaged in narrative inquiries into 'parent knowledge' and into 'parent engagement and leadership.' In her undergraduate and graduate teaching, Debbie makes central an often absent or underrepresented conversation about the positioning of parents in relation to school landscapes.

Debbie published a book, written with 14 graduate students, entitled *Portals of Promise: Transforming Beliefs and Practices through a Curriculum of Parents* (Sense Publishers, 2013). She has another book in press with a second cohort of graduate students, *Living as Mapmakers: Charting a Course with Children Guided by Parent Knowledge*, which is expected to be released in April 2015. Debbie may be reached at [debbie.pushor@usask.ca](mailto:debbie.pushor@usask.ca).

## Winners Circle

The **Winners Circle** feature for delegates is a variety of prize giveaways available to be won, with chances of winning increasing by visiting exhibits in the **Resource Gallery**.

On the Friday schedule is the **Resource Gallery** opening at 3:30 pm until 7:30 pm, as well as Saturday's schedule of 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. There are 30 exhibits offering products, services and resources relevant to public education.

Exhibitors will issue "**Visit Vouchers**" to delegates at their booths - which can be entered into the draws for prizes. *The vouchers include delegate contact information for exhibitors use.*

There is no limit on the number of vouchers collected by delegates and entered for prizes.

In addition to the "**Visit Vouchers**", a full size **Visitor Card** encompassing all vendors in the room, encouraging a "full card" to visit all exhibits, can also be entered for a draw prize.

Prizes are provided by exhibitors and sponsors, on display in the **Winners Circle** area of the Resource Gallery.

**Winners Circle** prize draws are done during the event (throughout both the Friday and Saturday visiting hours) and winning tickets are posted on the prize itself.

Delegates must show their nametag matching the winning vouchers, and are expected to take the prize with them.

**Have fun and show support for exhibitors  
in the Resource Gallery!**



## Resource Gallery

### Exhibitors

2Learn.ca Education Society

Alberta Health Services

Find Your Voice Bullying Prevention Education

Alberta Distance Learning Centre

Image Signs

Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities

World's Finest Chocolate

St. Gabriel Online School

CAREERS: the Next Generation

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association

Hot Lunches Online

Canadian Foundation for Economic Education

PlayWorks ParkWorks

Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers

Saffron Centre

ExamBank (*Syzygy Research & Technology*)

Athabasca University

Literacy and Learning Day Society of Edmonton

Empowering Minds

Centre for Literacy

Discover E (*Faculty of Engineering, University of Alberta*)

OARS1

Understanding Ursula Productions

Money Mentors

Students Union Ticket Pak (SUTP)

Farm to School Alberta

Great Parenting Show

Lifetouch Photography

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### Sponsors



Entertainment

Banquet

6:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Saturday April 25

Imperial Ballroom

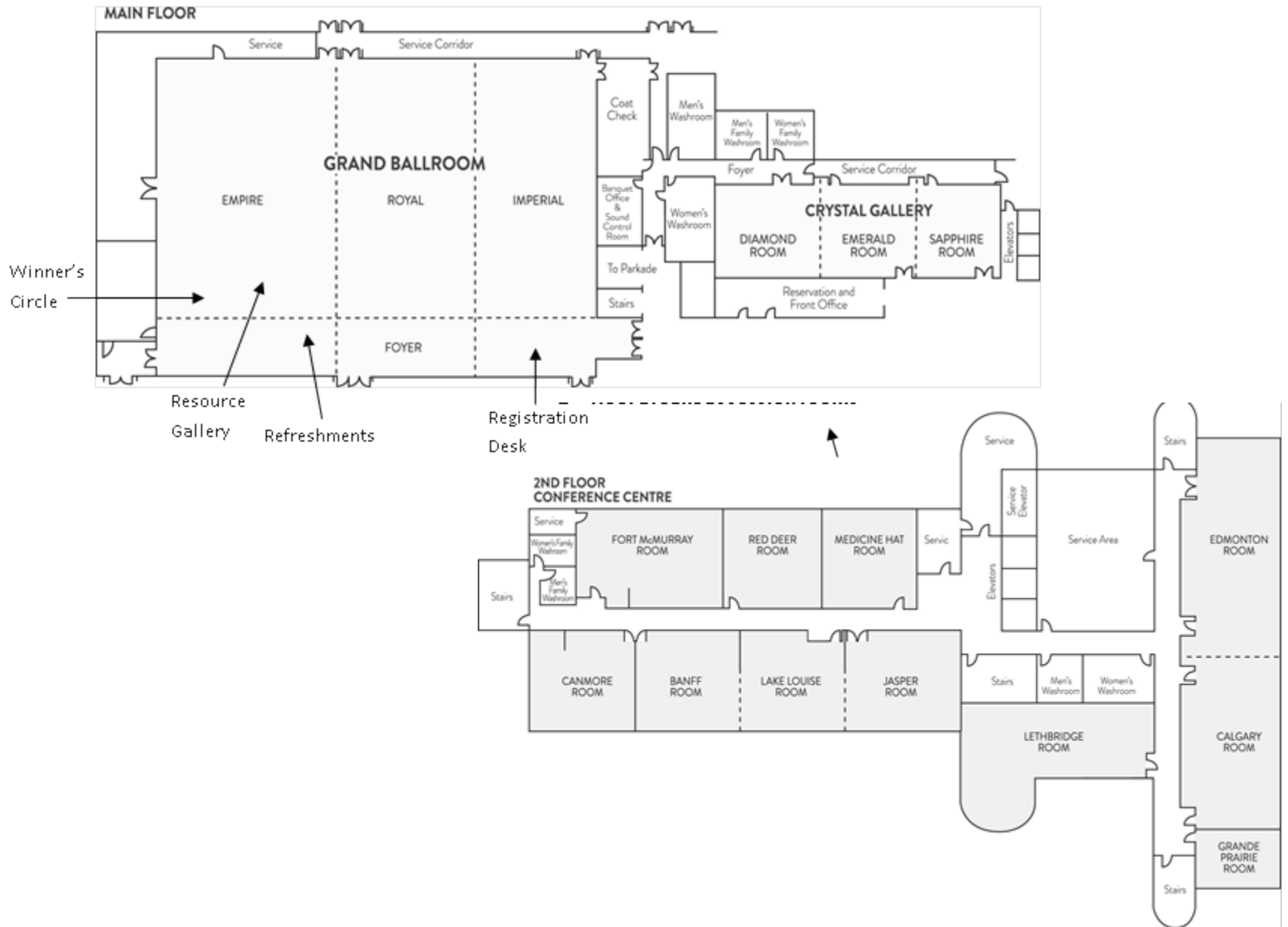
## Native Culture Performance

Drum Group with Singers for a Native Dance Presentation  
& Native Flute Music with Storytelling and Orating



Coordinator, Amanda Woodward-Lamothe, is a **Cultural Instructor** with Edmonton Catholic Schools, Aboriginal Learning Services.

**Main floor Plenary  
& Meeting Rooms**



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	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>Diamond</b>	<b>Calgary</b>	<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>Red Deer</b>	<b>Canmore</b>
	ASCA – the Association	Reading Readiness	Meeting Management	School Council Best Practices	Wellness, Resiliency and Partnership	Fundraising Associations & School Councils
					Dual Credit for Students	School Positive Mental Health
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Breakout Sessions					Fort Mac
	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>Diamond</b>	<b>Calgary</b>	<b>Edmonton</b>	<b>Red Deer</b>	<b>Canmore</b>
	Planning for Post-Secondary	Insurance and School Council	Relationships in the Education Community	Relationships in Your Community	Internet Safety and Smartphone Education	Education Funding in Alberta
					Online Trends: Keeping Up with Your Kids	Celebrating and Supporting Diversity
	Evening					Imperial Ballroom
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Candidates Corner					
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Banquet Dinner					
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Entertainment: Native Culture Performance					

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8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration					Imperial Ballroom
8:15 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast					
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Business Meeting					
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch					
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Meeting, Board Elections					