

**Request for input about ASCA School Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) participation.**

*Submitted feedback to the ASCA by **March 15, 2018.***

1. Is your school council aware that the ASCA presents this annual event in April?

Yes - **12**    No - **0**

*If yes, how do you normally hear about it?*

(ASCA eNews, ASCA website, school/district news, school/district website, Principal, Superintendent)

- Principal and parent council
- School Council Chair
- Our new president has passed information on to our Principal and will be reporting to School Council & Parent Association (fundraising).
- School Council Chair
- It is usually brought forward by the School Council Executive each year. The knowledge and awareness of the AGM is passed from the Council from year to year.
- Red Deer Public School District emails ASCA website
- ASCA website and COSC meetings.
- ASCA eNews; ASCA Employee; School news
- ASCA eNews to our chair who then shares it with our school council
- ASCA eNews
- Email and through our school

2. Does your school council receive the ASCA eNews and email messages with updates about the event and registration information?

Yes - **11**    No - **1**

**Comments**

- Our new president has registered to receive and will be moving forward.
- School Council Chair & Principle
- Yes; the updates and registration information is presented at our regular meetings.
- Our chair does

3. Does your school council normally attend the Conference and/or AGM event?

Yes - 7    No - 5

If yes – how many people from your school council normally attend?

- 1 person normally attends
- Each year; we nominate 1-2 people that are able to attend.
- In the past 1; this year 3
- Only 1 usually attends

If no – please indicate why?

- A proposal is being made to School Council and Parent Association to bring attention to the opportunity. If consensus agrees; we will send someone to the upcoming conference. If not; we will continue to propose this moving forward.
- Timing
- It is costly for the Chair to pay out of pocket to attend this event. The school board will send 5 chairs from the entire division and not usually the same person twice.
- New school and school council. We will be attending this year for the first time.
- Too costly

4. Does your school council pay for the expenses to attend? *Registration fees, hotel, mileage?*

Yes - 6    No - 6

*Comments:*

- A proposal is being made to School Council and Parent Association to bring attention to the opportunity. If consensus agrees; we will send someone to the upcoming conference. If not; we will continue to propose this moving forward.
- School Board of Directors help pay for registration fees
- Yes; School Council covers the expenses of the trip. We vote for a nominal amount to cover expenses and the nominated members are reimbursed.
- Registration Fees only
- Our fundraising society does not support individual requests like this.
- They pay the registration fee and hotel. The parent going pays mileage.

5. Does your school help with expenses to attend?

Yes - 3    No - 9

*Comments:*

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6. Does your School District help with expenses to attend?

Yes - **3**  No -**9**

*Comments:*

- It is unknown if CBE provides assistance.
- Yes but they will support 5 Chairs to attend not all chairs
- We haven't asked the district to pay so unaware of funding available

7. If yes, does your School District help with expenses to attend for more than one person, or more than one school council to attend?

Yes - **3**  No - **9**

*Comments:*

- Our District board supports 2 parents from each school to attend. (mileage; fees; and hotel covered)
- This year up to 12 / district.
- The school board will send 5 chairs from the entire division and not usually the same person twice.

8. Does your school council examine the issue resolutions that are to be presented for debate and voting on at the AGM, and decide as a group what the vote will be? (1 vote per school council)

Yes - **9**  No - **3**

*Comments:*

- It is unknown if CBE provides assistance.
- Yes. They are forwarded to members in the agenda items prior to a meeting. If members have any concerns or items that they would like discussed further we give the opportunity to do so.
- Our representative usually examines them and presents a recommendation for the vote
- We try to yes
- Although we have found some of the issues don't apply to our school community

9. Does your school council work with your District to decide together what the vote will be on the proposed issue resolutions presented at the AGM?

Yes - **1**  No -**11**

*Comments:*

- Not to date; however; it will be discussed moving forward.
- We give input for understanding; however do not help each other vote.

10. Has your school council ever submitted an issue resolution for consideration at the ASCA AGM?

Yes - **2**    No - **4**    Unsure - **6**

If yes, did your school council work with your District on the issue resolution?

*Comments:*

- NO
- No
- They haven't in the four years I have been on school council