



**MINUTES
January 16-17, 2021**

Present: Brandi Rai, President
Rich Haggerty, Director
Krista Scott, Director
Sarah Rollingson, Director
Shelley Odishaw, Vice President
Jacquie Surgenor Gaglione, Director
Hollie Tarasewich, Director
Sheila Hobday, Director

Regrets: Risk Sakundiak, Director
Lisa Arlint, Director

Staff: Wendy Keiver, Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Rai called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday January 16, 2021 and welcomed everyone. She provided a Treaty and Territory Acknowledgement.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: *Directors Tarasewich/Rollingson
That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the agenda, as presented.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

3. PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

3.1 December 12, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: *Directors Haggerty/Rollingson
That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the December 12, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS: STEWARDSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

4.1 **Stewardship (Association Oversight)**

A. Advocacy Committee

i. Expiring Advocacy Resolutions

MOTION: *Vice President Odishaw/Director Rollingson
That the ASCA Board of Directors reaffirm the following Advocacy Policies: 79-1, 00-11, 00-10, 01-14, 01-11, 05-2, 10-7.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: *Vice President Odishaw/ Director Tarasewich
That the ASCA Board of Directors revise Advocacy Policy 10-1 to include “and assurance” immediately following “accountability” in the title and both statements.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



MOTION: Vice President Odishaw/Director Haggerty

That the ASCA Board of Directors archive the following Advocacy Policies for historical reference: 74-2, 98-7, 99-8, 01-3, 03-2, 03-11, 08-7, 08-8, 08-10, 09-2, 09-9, 10-2, 11-1, 11-3. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Action: The Advocacy Committee is to complete the “rationale” portion of each action chart for the existing policies, prior to the document being posted on the website for ASCA Member consideration prior to the AGM.

ii. Board Sponsored Advocacy Resolutions

MOTION: Directors Haggerty/Rollingson

That the ASCA Board of Directors approve BSAR21-01 – Technology Support for ASCA Member School Council consideration at the 2021 AGM as amended. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION: Directors Tarasewich/Haggerty

That the ASCA Board of Directors approve BSAR21-02 – Acknowledgment of CoSC/DSC in the Alberta Education Act for ASCA Member School Council consideration at the 2021 AGM as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. Parliamentary Package Feedback

MOTION: Vice President Odishaw/Director Tarasewich

That the ASCA Board of Directors asks the Executive Director to update the parliamentary package based upon the assessment of the Advocacy Committee. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Action: The Executive Director is to update the parliamentary package based upon the assessment of the Advocacy Committee and seek the Parliamentarian’s input on the usefulness of the included flowchart.

B. Governance Committee

Report & Recommendations

MOTION: Directors Scott/Vice President Odishaw

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts, as presented, the ASCA Fundamental Declaration Review Schedule as a living document, intended to ensure the Fundamental Declarations of the Association are relevant, applicable, and functional while ensuring compliance with all regulatory obligations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: The Executive Director is to post the ASCA Fundamental Declaration Review Schedule on the Director’s Board Documents page of the website and include it as an attachment to the Board Work Plan.

C. Internal Finance Committee

Report and Recommendation

MOTION: Directors Surgenor Gaglione/Tarasewich

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Internal Finance Committee’s Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Legacy Committee

No Report



E. Member Engagement Committee
Report & Recommendation

MOTION: Directors Surgenor Gaglione/Rollinson

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Member Engagement Committee's report and idea document for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: The Executive Director is to post the Member Engagement Committee report and idea document on the Director's Board Documents page of the website.

F. Recognition Awards Committee
No Report

G. Education Issues and E-Scan

Overview of Minister/Partners Conference Call – Covid focused

President Rai provided a high-level report of the intention of these meetings, and general perspectives that are presented, omitting specifics that may be considered confidential. She also reassured the Board that she represents ASCA clearly, even when her comments may be critical or in contradiction to what partners may be stating.

President Rai highlighted the enhanced contact tracing that AHS and the Education Minister have announced should now be taking place with respect to school cases of Covid-19, and explained the process used to arrive at the shift of language/terminology used to report on 'in-school' cases of Covid-19. She also provided her understanding of what GoA/AHS has communicated as their criteria for reporting confirmed cases on the [Covid-19 school status map](#).

Return to in-class schooling (Jan 11/21):

President Rai shared that she has received a fairly balanced representation of opinions with respect to the return in in-class schooling on January 11, 2021. Needing to represent all families, she has advocated that measures preventing community transfer of Covid-19 enable students that need to be in school to be there.

Items identified by Directors:

Director Scott commented that Elk Island Public went back to in-school learning on January 6, and at a recent CoSC meeting there were concerns expressed about young (8 yrs. old) children needing to be left alone at home for online learning prior to the winter break. She also questions if the flexibility and discretion being applied to when teachers are 'in-class' for online learning could or will result in an audit of the 'need' to have teachers at the level currently expected/utilized in 'normal' times, in the future.

Director Surgenor Gaglione agrees that reducing the community spread is the most important factor in keeping students and teachers safe through in-class learning. Elk Island Public parents have also expressed concern about the lack of access to technology devices suitable for participating in online learning, even if it's only for a few days. There have also been comments about the inequity of instruction for a short-term move to online learning. The Division's expectations in this regard are not being met. She also expressed concerns related to the shift in how assessments are being done, and the impacts on the students' futures. She wonders if, with the 4 months of data currently available, could an assessment be made with respect to the



spread threat in schools, and possibly tighten up the requirements of who needs to be isolated when there is a positive case?

Director Hobday observed that expectations, implementation and outcomes are too varied, not only across the province but even at Division, or school (Gr. 3 vs Gr. 6) levels.

Director Haggerty commented on the lack of consistency in the quality of teaching, length of 'in-class' expectations in the 'short-term' online learning environment, especially for the K-6 students who only had the one week in January, vs. the Jr and Sr High students who participated longer. He also expressed concerns about the potential for insufficient data for teachers to make accurate assessments with students bouncing back and forth between online and in-class learning. President Rai supported these comments by offering her observations that there are huge differences for students who are learning online by choice, vs. those who have been forced into online learning either by isolation requirements, or division/ministry requirements.

Other Directors provided personal experiences for their children and families and expressed concerns for other students and families across Alberta. In most cases, the situations were less than ideal, with a perceived lack of access to qualified teaching staff for the time students need them. Some divisions canceled exams, just giving staff and students a 2-day 'semester turn-around' break. Others persevered with exams.

H. Financial Report

- i. Income Statement at 12.31.20 with Forecast to 06.30.21
- ii. Balance Sheet at 12.31.20

MOTION: *Directors Hobday/Haggerty*

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Financial Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: *The Executive Director is to create a revised 2020-2021 Budget for posting publicly on the ASCA website as soon as possible.*

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

A link was provided to the Board on the agenda. The Board agreed by consensus to accept modified reports in the future, maintaining, for the time being, only the statistical snapshot graph at the top. The resulting 1-page report can then be included within future Board packages, rather than a link to the previously large report(s).

J. Executive Director Report

- i. Monthly Activities: ED, Staff

MOTION: *Directors Surgenor Gaglione/Vice President Odishaw*

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. Conference Planning Update

MOTION: *Directors Surgenor Gaglione/Tarasewich*

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Conference planning update for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



iii. New Business Model

MOTION: Directors Haggerty/Rollingson

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the concepts of the Tiered Membership Fee structure and Fee for Service service delivery model as presented and directs the Executive Director to implement an appropriate final version in a timely manner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Tarasewich/Hobday

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves a \$35.00 increase to its School Council Membership fee to \$100.00 per school council for the 2021 – 2022 Membership year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Rollingson/Surgenor Gaglione

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves a \$50.00 increase to its Individual Parent Membership fee to \$75.00 per individual for the 2021 – 2022 Membership year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Rollingson/Tarasewich

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves a \$100.00 increase to its Associate Non-Voting Membership fee to \$150.00 per organization for the 2021 – 2022 Membership year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iv. Relocating Offices

MOTION: Directors Rollingson/Scott

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the plan to relocate offices as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Board Management

i. Mentorship/PODs:

Director Surgenor Gaglione led the Board through additional exercises related to the DISC profiles conducted in November. Board members found the activity, utilizing 2 ZOOM breakout rooms, to be enlightening and valuable, and further exploration is welcomed.

ii. In Camera:

The Board did not need to be in camera for any portion of this Board meeting.

iii. Internal Committees: Terms of Reference Revisions

The Board agreed by consensus that formal, written revision of any Terms of Reference at this point is unnecessary.

4.2 Representation (Provincial Level Participation)

A. Director's Reports

The link to the online compilation of individual Director's reports was provided on the agenda, and Directors provided short summaries of some highlights.

B. School Council Engagement Task Force: Q2 Results

Question #2 results & summary were given to the Board for information and will now be posted on the website.



C. Stakeholder Engagement

- i. Letter from PSBAA President

Action: The Executive Director is to draft a response letter to the President of the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA), for ASCA President review and signature.

- ii. Parent Pandemic Pulse Survey: public release

Action: The Executive Director is to publicize the quantitative results of the Parent Pandemic Pulse Survey as soon as possible.

- iii. Tracing Apps (St. Albert)

President Rai provided high-level information related to some potential advocacy efforts coming from school boards in Alberta to have Albertans gain access to the Federal Covid-19 Contact Tracing App. and asked for Board member perspectives.

D. Advocacy in Action Summary

A link was provided to the Board on the agenda.

4.3 Unfinished Business

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS:

Action: President Rai will distribute a survey to determine an appropriate date for the February Board meeting.

6.1 Future **Virtual** Meeting Dates: **March 13-14, 2021; April 23, 2021; April 25, 2021**

6.2 Future **Tentative In-Person** Meeting Dates: *None are scheduled at this time*

6.3 Future **General Meetings** of ASCA: **April 25, 2021 Annual General Meeting**

7. MEETING EVALUATIONS: Directors were reminded to complete the electronic Board Meeting Evaluation before Wednesday, January 20th @ 12:00 noon.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday January 17, 2021.

President
Brandi Rai

Executive Director
Wendy Keiver