



**MINUTES
May 27, 2021**

Present: Brandi Rai, President
Krista Scott, Director
Sheila Hobday, Director
Greta Gerstner, Director
Andi Romito, Director
Shelley Odishaw, Vice President
Krista Li, Director
Kerry Bodell, Director
Melissa Smith, Director (7:05)
Jacquie Surgenor Gaglione, Director (7:07)

Regrets: Rich Haggarty, Director; Hollie Tarasewich, Director

Staff: Wendy Keiver, Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER, TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AND WELCOME

President Rai called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on Thursday May 27, 2021, welcomed everyone and acknowledged the Indigenous lands of Alberta and our individual and collective responsibilities of reconciliation.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: *Directors Gerstner/Li*
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.
- 2.2 The President reminded the Directors of the Relationship Building Container document, created at the May 1 Orientation.

3. PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

3.1 April 23, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: *Directors Scott/Surgenor*
That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the April 23, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 April 25, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: *Directors Bodell/Scott*
That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the April 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS: STEWARDSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

4.1 Stewardship (Association Oversight)

A. Advocacy Committee

No Report

B. Governance Committee

No Report

C. Internal Finance Committee

No Report



D. Legacy Committee

No Report

E. Member Engagement Committee

No Report

F. Recognition Awards Committee

No Report

G. Education Issues and E-Scan

Overview of Curriculum:

No new opportunities for parents to provide their perspective on the Draft K-6 Curriculum have come to light. An invitation to the Minister to participate in a virtual engagement opportunity, related to some of the Advocacy Policies passed at the AGM, has yet to be responded to. A reminder has also been sent. It is felt that parents need someone to be listening. President Rai provided details of an upcoming virtual engagement event with NDP Education Critic, MLA Sarah Hoffman.

Overview of Return to In-Person Learning:

Many families felt relief to return to In-Person Learning, while other families still have many concerns.

Overview of Minister/Stakeholder Meetings:

April 12: Primary focus of partners was prioritizing vaccinations for school staff.

May 6: President Rai had conveyed parents were very concerned with the increased numbers, the rate of in-school transmissions, lack of confidence in decisions being made by provincial government, especially as the pivot to move to online learning for 2 weeks was being cited as occurring for Operational (not health) reasons.

May 27: Disappointing meeting. No opportunity for stakeholder input, comments, dialogue. Minister provided a summary of many items that had already been covered in the media; indicated this was likely the last meeting; thanked Stakeholders for their support and perspectives throughout the year.

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Annual Representative Assembly (ARA)

The President and Executive Director had the privilege of attending the 104th ATA ARA (virtually) and very much appreciated the opportunity to hear the often heart-wrenching stories told by teachers of their experiences of teaching over the past year.

Items identified by Directors: Sincere appreciation expressed for the President's advocacy efforts with the Minister and Stakeholders over the past year.

H. Financial Report

Year to Date at 04/30/21, Forecast, Revised Budget, and Balance Sheet as at 04/30/21

MOTION: Directors Hobday/Surgenor

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the April 30, 2021 Income Statement with Year-End forecast and Revised Budget as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Hobday/Surgenor

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the April 30, 2021 Balance Sheet as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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

No Report

J. Executive Director Report

No Report

K. Board Management (Timed item: 7:25 p.m.)

i. Onboarding

The President provided a summary of concerns expressed by Director Li with respect to her hesitancy in providing the Association with the required signed onboarding documents. Director Li then addressed the Board, explaining her rationale, primarily from the perspective of seeking to understand. She then thanked the President for the conversation that occurred, ultimately resulting in her submission of the signed documents. Directors asked questions of clarification and provided personal perspectives.

ii. Financial PD: Understanding Board Financials

Director Hobday provided a high-level overview of the responsibilities of a Board respecting its understanding of the financial health of its organization. She related the concepts to the real ASCA financial reports provided in this Board package.

iii. Committee Leads and Appointments / Consortium Reps

President Rai and Vice President Odishaw provided information to Directors related to expectations of Committees as well as which ASCA representative was serving on which Consortium.

iv. Mentorship/PODs

Each POD leader provided the Board with the name of their POD and spoke to the value of their POD's initial meeting in which they had watched a video provided by Vice President Odishaw.

v. Weekend Board Meeting Dates

The Executive Director and President provided the results of the survey that was circulated asking for Director preferences for weekend Board Meeting dates through to March 2022. Discussion followed regarding the possibilities for the March 2022 Board Meeting, with the President deciding after consideration of varied perspectives. Confirmed Weekend Board Meeting dates are noted in Item 5.

vi. Signing Authorities

MOTION: *Directors Gerstner/Romito*

That the ASCA Board of Directors retains the current signing authorities for the upcoming term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

vii. Board Work Plan (review)

The Board considered minor adjustments to the Board of Directors Work Plan 2021-2022. It was decided to eliminate School Council Engagement Task Force questions four (4) and five (5), maintaining the same schedule for the three (3) remaining questions as was done through 2020-2021. The Board also chose to replace the "Image" Professional Development in June with DISC profiling, and to add reference to Mentorship/POD activities to each Board Meeting throughout the year.



MOTION: Directors Surgenor/Li

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the Board of Directors Work Plan 2021-2022 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Representation (Provincial Level Participation)

A. Director's Reports

No Reports

B. School Council Engagement Task Force: Q4 Results

No Report

C. Stakeholder Engagement

i. Parent Pandemic Pulse 2

The Executive Director informed the Board that the Parent Pandemic Pulse (PPP) 2 survey will be launched on Friday, May 28, 2021, through the E-news and social media platforms. The PPP2 survey contains many similar questions as the first PPP survey for comparison purposes, in addition to new questions aimed at capturing 2020-2021 school experiences and perspectives related to the 2021-2022 school year.

D. Advocacy in Action Summary

None at this time

4.3 Unfinished Business

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1 Future **Weekend Board Meeting Dates: June 26-27, 2021; September 25-26, 2021; November 27-28, 2021; January 22-23, 2022; March 26-27, 2022**

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

5.3 Future **Pre-Conference Board Meeting: April 22, 2022, time TBD**

5.4 Future **General Meetings of ASCA: 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) April 24, 2022**

6. MEETING EVALUATIONS: Directors were reminded to complete the electronic Board Meeting Evaluation before Monday, May 31, 2021.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

President
Brandi Rai

Executive Director
Wendy Keiver

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