



**MINUTES
August 25, 2021**

Present: Brandi Rai, President
Rich Haggerty, Director
Kerry Bodell, Director
Andi Romito, Director
Hollie Tarasewich, Director
Krista Scott, Director
Shelley Odishaw, Vice President
Jacquie Surgenor, Director
Sheila Hobday, Director
Greta Gerstner, Director
Krista Li, Director

Regrets: Melissa Smith, Director

Staff: Wendy Keiver, Executive Director

Guest: Stephen Webber, Metrix Group LLP (6:15 – 6:45 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Rai called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 25, 2021 and welcomed everyone. She provided a Treaty and Territory Acknowledgement.

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, Team Agreement, and the Culture and Relationships Container were supplied for information and review.

3. PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

3.1 June 26-27, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: *Directors Haggerty/Tarasewich*

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the June 26-27, 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

Report and Recommendation



MOTION: Directors Hobday/Surgenor

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Internal Finance Committee report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Hobday/Tarasewich

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the Internal Finance Committee to repay the CEBA loan by December 12, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Legacy Committee

No Report

E. Member Engagement Committee

No Report

F. Nominations Committee

No Report

G. Recognition Awards Committee

No Report

H. Education Issues and E-Scan

Overview – Collaboration with ATA for 2021-2022 Publicity Campaign:

The President provided Board members with an explanation of the messaging and intended outcome of the publicity campaign being planned by the ATA, and what ASCA's involvement and/or support might look like.

Overview – 2021-2022 School Plan:

❖ **ASCA Submission to Education Ministry**

Board members reviewed the August 16, 2021 ASCA submission to the Education Ministry.

❖ **2021-2022 School Plan Survey Results**

Board members reviewed the results from the 2021-2022 School Plan (Re-entry) and discussed a variety of perspectives and interpretations.

❖ **ASCA Official Advocacy Position on 2021-2022 School Year Plan**

(Director Tarasewich exited the meeting during this discussion at 7:35 p.m.)

Board members discussed the broad spectrum of parent perspectives related to the current plans for school re-entry while Covid-19 is still a legitimate health concern.

MOTION: Directors Scott/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors utilizes the results of the 2021-2022 School Re-entry Plan Survey to inform its advocacy position on the 2021-2022 School Year Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Haggerty

That the ASCA Board of Directors directs the President to advocate for the protection of school aged children with the continuation of mandatory isolation for positive cases beyond September 27, 2021; continuation of testing beyond September 27, 2021; implementation of mandatory reporting of positive cases to schools; the requirement of schools to notify close contacts of positive cases; and that public health policy must be established by public health officials and experts, not trustees, superintendents and other education experts related to the 2021-2022 School Year Plan presented by the Education Minister/Ministry, on behalf of ASCA Member School Councils.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors directs the Executive Director to acknowledge the responses received, and concerns with the integrity of the data resulting from asking simple questions for a complex situation, to be publicly posted instead of the 2021-2022 School Year Plan Re-entry Survey Results.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Hobday/Li

That the ASCA Board of Directors directs the Executive Director to not share the 2021-2022 School Year Plan Re-Entry Survey Results with the Minister/Ministry of Education, but to provide a copy of the statement being released publicly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Overview - Municipal Elections being influenced by “party politics”:

This item was tabled to the September 25-26, 2021 Board Meeting.

Items identified by Directors:

This item was tabled to the September 25-26, 2021 Board Meeting.

I. Financial Report

- i. Audit Findings Letter & Audited Financial Statement

MOTION: Directors Hobday/Haggerty

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. Income Statement YTD, Forecast, Budget

MOTION: Directors Hobday/Surgenor

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the July 31, 2021 Income Statement with Year End Forecast and 2021-2022 Budget for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iii. Balance Sheet 07.21

MOTION: Directors Hobday/Haggerty

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the July 31, 2021 Balance Sheet for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

No new report. A link to previous reports was provided to the Board on the agenda.

K. Executive Director Report

- i. Monthly Activities: ED, Staff
No Report
- ii. ASCA Grant Application to Alberta Ed
- iii. BN: ASCA 2021 GM Attendance Comparison
- iv. BN: ASCA 2021 Conference Attendance Comparison



MOTION: Directors Haggerty/Surgenor

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Executive Director Actions report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Bodell/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors tables the review and discussion of the AGM and Conference Attendance Comparison Reports to the September 25-26, 2021 Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Surgenor/Romito

That the ASCA Board of Directors directs the Executive Director to refrain from providing an “advocacy highlights” report utilizing the new PPP2 responses along with a comparison of any questions common in both surveys.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- v. BN: Associate Membership Delegation of Authority

MOTION: Directors Li/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors delegates authority to the Executive Director to approve ASCA Association Membership requests by fundraising associations (FRAs), and/or similar entities affiliated with school and school councils.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- vi. BN: ASCA Position Duties

MOTION: Directors Bodell/Surgenor

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the ASCA Position Duties report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Haggerty/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors utilizes the ASCA Position Duties report to inform future discussions related to changes being considered, or implemented, for the Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Board Management

- i. SWOT Analysis & Financial Viability

MOTION: Vice President Odishaw/Director Haggerty

That the ASCA Board of Directors moves in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Surgenor

That the ASCA Board of Directors moves out of camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION (from in camera): Directors Haggerty/Bodell

That the ASCA Board of Directors call a Special Board Meeting to continue this important work.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. Mentorship/PODs
No Report

- iii. In Camera: Priorities

This item was tabled to a Special Board Meeting, date to be determined



- iv. Meeting Dates: October; December; February
Board members were advised to watch for a survey enabling them to identify their availability for evening Board meetings.

4.2 Representation (Provincial Level Participation)

A. Director's Reports

No Report

B. School Council Engagement Task Force

No Report

C. Stakeholder Engagement

- i. BN: ASCA stakeholder Satisfaction Survey Results

MOTION: Directors Surgenor/Scott

That the ASCA Board of Directors tables the review and discussion of the AGM Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey Report to the September 25-26, 2021, Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Advocacy in Action Summary

No new report. A link to previous reports was provided to the Board on the agenda.

4.3 Unfinished Business

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

5.2 Future **Weekday Evening 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**

7. MEETING EVALUATIONS: Directors were reminded to complete the electronic Board Meeting Evaluation before Monday August 30, 2021.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m. on Wednesday August 25, 2021.

President
Brandi Rai

Executive Director
Wendy Keiver



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Relevant; Sustainable; Autonomous; and Innovative.*