



MINUTES
April 22, 2022

Present: Brandi Rai, President
 Rich Haggarty, Director
 Jacquie Surgenor, Director
 Sheila Hobday, Director
 Melissa Smith, Director (8:20)

Shelley Odishaw, Vice President
 Kerry Bodell, Director
 Greta Gerstner, Director
 Krista Scott, Director
 Andi Romito, Director (8:56)

Regrets/Leave: Krista Li, Director; Hollie Tarasewich, Director

Staff: Wendy Keiver, Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Rai called the meeting to order at 8:01 am on Friday April 22, 2022, and welcomed everyone. She provided a Treaty and Territory Acknowledgement. Directors then participated in an ice-breaker activity.

2. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: *Directors Gerstner/Bodell*
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 March 26-27, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: *Directors Gerstner/Haggerty*
That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the March 26-27, 2022 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 Bodell/Gerstner*
That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the Internal Finance Committee's recommendation to change when the ASCA repays the \$40,000 CEBA loan to December 11, 2023.

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

Items identified by Directors (Roundtable):

*Families are still concerned about the new K-6 curriculum subjects being implemented in September 2022, despite some of the revisions.

*School councils are quickly trying to determine how to spend their ASCE Grant.

*An urban board trustee has asked if school councils are concerned about being asked to provide chair email addresses to Alberta Education.

*Concerns that the Ministry isn't financially supporting learning disruption mitigation for students in Grades 4 – 12. Some high schools have modified timetables to provide opportunities for students to work one-on-one with teachers. The stakes are very high for students in high schools right now and leaving mitigation and support strategies to individual schools (or even divisions) creates inequities.

*Perspectives that the complicated processes required for K-3 students are costly, ineffective, and at the expense of students in 4-12.

*Budgets for school divisions – concerns especially considering the inflating costs of transportation (fuel, vehicles, insurance) – huge impact on rural education – at what point does that become a barrier?

*Recognition that technology in schools/divisions is requiring upgrading; should be funding from the government to address this; not reasonable to expect (download the responsibility) to parents through fundraising associations, etc.

*Noticing that more parents appear to be paying attention, asking questions, about the K-6 Curriculum. Recognition that the implementation starts in 20 weeks, and resources for teachers etc. may not be completely ready.

*ASCA resolutions were discussed at a division gathering of school councils.

*There is a perception of a systematic erosion of autonomy for organizations outside of Alberta Education – concerns of the negative impact on education overall. Also lack of communication from the Ministry when changes are occurring that impact student learning.

*Superintendent is educating school councils on the importance of big data and the value of assessment. How do we shift parent perspectives, and learn to be more open about using assessment data to plan for positive growth of students?

*Concerns about student safety – in schools and in communities – how should ASCA publicly respond?

Action: The ASCA Board of Directors will discuss how the Association will publicly respond to tragic situations involving Alberta's student and establish guidelines, processes, and/or policies.

I. Financial Report

- i. Income Statement to March 31, 2022 with Forecast and revised budget

MOTION: *Directors Hobday/Bodell*

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



- ii. Balance Sheet at March 31, 2022

MOTION: Directors Gerstner/Hobday

That the ASCA Board of Directors accepts the March 31, 2022 Balance Sheet for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: The Board will review its work plan at the May 2022 Board Meeting and ensure a monthly review of the financial statements is continued.

- iii. Current Reality (for AGM)

Action: The Executive Director is authorized to share the revised Current Reality document at the 2022 ASCA AGM.

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

A link was provided to the Board on the agenda

K. Executive Director Report

- i. Monthly Activities: ED, Staff
No Report
- ii. BN: ED Contract and Compensation

MOTION: Directors Surgenor/Gerstner

That the ASCA Board of Directors moves in camera to discuss the Executive Director contract and compensation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Bodell/Smith

That the ASCA Board of Directors moves out of camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Directors Surgenor/Scott

That the ASCA Board of Directors approves the Employment Agreement with the Executive Director, as amended April 23, 2021, with no further changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: The ASCA Board of Directors will craft a letter recognizing the EDs efforts and dedication over this past year to be included in her employment file.

- iii. 2022 Conference Roles and Update
The Executive director provided some last-minute guidance on expectations of Directors for the Conference.

L. Board Management

- i. Mentorship/PODs/Team Building
No Report
- ii. In Camera
The Board moved into camera to discuss agenda item 4.1.K.ii Executive Director Contract and Compensation.



- iii. 2022 AGM Roles
The Executive Director answered any last-minutes questions related to Directors' roles for the AGM.
- iv. 2022-23 Board Orientation
The Board was informed of the April 30th, 2022 full day virtual Board Orientation session.

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.

B. School Council Engagement Task Force

No Report

C. Stakeholder Engagement

No report

D. Advocacy in Action Summary

A link was provided to the Board on the agenda.

4.3 Unfinished Business

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1 Future Weekend Board Meeting Dates: June 11-12, 2022

5.2 Future Weekday Evening Board Meeting Dates: May 16, 2022

5.3 Future Pre-Conference Board Meeting: April 21, 2023, a.m. (Exact time TBD)

5.4 Future General Meetings of ASCA: 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) April 23, 2023

5.5 Future Post-AGM Board Meeting: April 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

6. MEETING EVALUATIONS: Directors were reminded to complete the electronic Board Meeting Evaluation before 12:00 noon Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022.

Brandi Rai

President
Brandi Rai

Wendy Keiver

Executive Director
Wendy Keiver

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