

CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE for Prospective Board Members 2023

Please note – there is a 100-word limit on all answers.

Name: Krista Li

1. Why do you wish to serve on the ASCA Board of Directors?

ASCA provides an opportunity like no other when it comes to elevating the parent/guardian voice in education and provides an invaluable opportunity to influence public education policy in Alberta. This is something that is incredibly important to me both as a person and as an educator.

2. What is your school council experience?

I have served in various capacities on school councils for the past 9 years. For the past two years, I have served as the chair of St. Joan of Arc School Council. I also serve as the secretary of the Cavaliers Foundation, our school fundraising society.

3. How will your greatest strength help you perform as a board member?

My greatest strength is my ability to think creatively and to innovate. I enjoy problem solving and bring a "get it done" attitude to my work. My past work on ASCA's board shows my willingness to work with a variety of personalities and skillsets.

4. What do you see as the top priority or challenge for K-12 parents in the province?

One of the biggest challenges that parents face in Alberta is funding - funding for infrastructure, funding to reduce class sizes, funding for students with complex learning needs etc. We need an investment in public education that captures our current realities and plans for our future.

5. Give an example of how you have dealt with differing perspectives:

As an educator, it is not uncommon to find differing perspectives in my classroom. I try always to remember the human behind the perspective and hold space for that humanity. I remind myself that listening is incredibly important when it comes to listening to different perspectives and I strive to be a good listener.

6. Have you reviewed the time commitment required to be a Director? How do you see yourself balancing your professional and personal life to manage the duties of a board member?

I do not foresee a conflict in my professional and personal life that would prevent me from serving as a director.

7. Do you have affiliations/involvement that may affect/influence your performance as a board member or be perceived as a conflict of interest? (eg. political, employment, etc.)

I do not hold a membership in any political party. I am employed by the University of Alberta and this is not a conflict in any way.

8. Which social media platforms do you use? (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

Facebook

Twitter

TikTok

9. Please indicate your social media accounts (with username/addresses/links):

Facebook: Krista Li

Twitter: Kristalixy

TikTok: kristali883

10. What do you view as the purpose for social media?

I use social media to stay in touch with family that live out of the province. I also use social media to stay on top of current affairs.

11. What makes you an ideal candidate for the position?

I am a passionate advocate for public education that believes in the dignity of every student. I believe in the possibility of public education in Alberta and I am willing to fight to preserve access to publicly funded education. I value the parent voice in education and wish to advocate for the elevation of said voice.

Additional CANDIDATES QUESTIONS for Previous or Current Board Members

How has the ASCA Board been successful because of your work on the Board?

I have served on the fund development committee and helped with ASCA's silent auction by soliciting donations. I have done all work given to me and participated eagerly in each board meeting.

How did your preparation and attendance impact your contribution to the Board?

I read each board package before our meetings and came prepared to discuss business at hand. I participated in discussion and shared my insight with my fellow board members. I never shied away from difficult decisions and acted always with integrity and honesty.

What have you learned during your time with the Board, and what will you do with that experience moving forward?

I have learned to respect and value the diversity within public education in Alberta. I have learned to see the humanity behind parent advocacy and to appreciate the time and dedication that parent volunteers give to school councils each and every day.

Please include a (jpeg) photo submitted with the questionnaire and nomination form.

Candidate information is posted on the ASCA website at **three** intervals; March 15, April 1, and April 13 (10 days prior to the election at the AGM).

This **FORM** must be completed and submitted electronically **ONLY** by email to parents@albertaschoolcouncils.ca