

Meagan Parisian - ASCA Candidate Questionnaire

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

- Legacy - it's important to me that the legacy of this organization continues and is strengthened to represent the breadth of the holistic demographic of school communities - parents/guardians, educators and students. For nearly 100 years ASCA has advocated for parent engagement on many levels, and we need to continue to proactively challenge and engage stakeholders. I've had incredible examples of parent engagement at the local school level and provincially - my own mother was a director and former Vice President of ASCA. It is important to me that this advocacy work continues.

2. What is your school council experience?

- I've sat on the École Barrie Wilson Elementary school council since my eldest child began kindergarten in 2017; I've held all executive positions, and am presently Chair.
- I've engaged with our City-Wide School Council in RDPSD for the past 2 years.

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

- I have a passion for our school, our school board, and our Alberta education system. That passion includes asking questions, listening, and continually learning to broaden my base knowledge and include diverse perspectives outside of my potential biases. This passion is what drives me to perform at my highest.

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

- Funding - the weighted moving average model has created huge gaps (whether surplus or deficit) year-to-year. Our school has seen both impacts first hand. The model doesn't adequately reflect school populations, needs, and complexities. We

must account with clear standardization of school board budgeting for districts.

While the previous funding model wasn't perfect, it allowed for adequate planning annually.

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

- In 2021 I ran for a position as trustee for RDPSD school board. I heard many diverse perspectives, some of which aligned with mine, some of which were quite opposing. I approached every conversation with an attitude of respect with the same expectation in return; by setting this expectation up front, I was able to have authentic conversations that were (mostly) positive experiences and learn from those I engaged with.

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 have had many discussions with a current board member regarding the time commitment and feel I will be able to manage the time commitment adequately.

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 presently sit as an executive member of a political party constituency association. Should a conflict present itself I will immediately excuse myself from the discussion/action required.

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

- LinkedIn

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Reddit

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

- @meagandoesstuff on Instagram, Twitter
- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/meaganparisian>
- Facebook (personal profile) Facebook.com/meaganpari

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

- Promotion, community engagement, and respectful dialogue

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

- I feel I have the passion and diverse set of skills, as well as desire to learn and grow my knowledge base, that would be valuable to the board.