



Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2024 Annual General Meeting Advocacy Resolutions Results

A24-01 – Maintain five (5) existing ASCA Advocacy Policies

Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors

Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) maintains ASCA Advocacy Policies 94-8 (Funding of Evening and Summer Schools), 02-15 (Textbook Fees and Workbooks), 03-09 (Field Trip Safety for Alberta Students), 04-15 (Recognition of School Completion / Opportunities for Post-Secondary Opportunities), and 14-3 (Accountability – Parent Right to Quality of Service).

Adopted with unanimous consent.

A24-02 – Amend three (3) and revise two (2) ASCA Advocacy Policies

Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors

Motion: To amend ASCA Advocacy Policies 02-13 (Input on Selection of School Staff), 02-12 (Input on Selection of Principal), and 02-4 (School Nutrition Programs), and to revise ASCA Advocacy Policies 03-07 (Sharing Responsibility for Appropriate Use of Standardized Testing) and 06-6 (Capital Project Approval Criteria), as presented.

Adopted with 92.74%

P24-01 – Integrate Climate & Biodiversity Education Throughout the Curriculum from K-12

Sponsor: Colonel Irvine School Council

Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education for a framework for embedding climate & biodiversity throughout the K-12 curriculum that incorporates hands-on learning experiences with a focus on critical thinking, equity, and wellbeing.

Adopted with 52.70%

P24-02 – Funding for More Assessments of Learning Disabilities

Sponsor: Kensington School Council

1st Amendment: Adopted with 75.36%

2nd Amendment: Defeated with 40.52%

Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health for new and targeted funding for increased availability of professionals to help diagnose learning disabilities and support neurodivergent children.

Main Motion as Amended: Adopted with 88.36%



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P24-03 – Improving Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Alberta Classrooms & Shared Environments

Sponsor: Kensington School Council

1st Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education for increased funding for modern HVAC systems for health & learning (with air filtration and cooling systems) not only in new schools but retrofitted in older school buildings as well.

Adopted with 77.86%

P24-03 – Improving Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Alberta Classrooms & Shared Environments

Sponsor: Kensington School Council

Amendment: Adopted with 87.02%

2nd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education to require school boards to provide frequent and regular information on indoor air quality (IAQ) and improvements made to IAQ in schools to parents, including specific air quality improvements and IAQ specifications and monitoring in schools, including classrooms, gymnasiums, cafeterias, bathrooms, and all shared environments, and that they release this information publicly to afford all students and staff a safer environment in which to work, learn and thrive.

Main motion as Amended: Defeated with 48.89%

P24-04 – Equity in Playground Funding

Sponsor: Forest Heights School Council

1st Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure to correct the inequities caused by the Playground grant funding available to new schools by:

- 1) Creating an equitable grant program targeted for the life cycle replacement of existing playgrounds at older schools, especially where the school has no access to any other government funding; and
- 2) Allow schools where no playground currently exists to access the same grant funding as brand-new schools (\$250,000 in 2023-2024).

Adopted with unanimous consent.



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P24-04 – Equity in Playground Funding

Sponsor: Forest Heights School Council

2nd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Advocacy Policy 05-02 Funding for Playground Facilities (2021) be amended:

- 1) By inserting “life cycle replacement” and “including removal of existing structure” before “maintenance” and by inserting “at older schools” before “based on established criteria” in the first paragraph;

Amendment: Adopted with 87.02%

- 2) And by adding “That funding priority is targeted to schools with playground footprints located on school land, and which are ineligible to receive funding from other levels of government. Funding should be prioritized based on an assessment of need and factors such as existing playgrounds age/condition, social vulnerability, access to other funding sources, school population, and location of adjacent public playgrounds accessible to the school” as a second paragraph.

Adopted with unanimous consent.

P24-05 – Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

Sponsor: Sam Livingston School Council

1st Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education and other education stakeholders and partners to pause the proposed changes until meaningful consultation on the substance of the policy, not only its implementation, has occurred with key stakeholders including 2SLGBTQI+ students, 2SLGBTQI+ community-based organizations, teachers, and the ATA, parents and ASCA, and school board associations.

Adopted with 74.81%

P24-05 – Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

Sponsor: Sam Livingston School Council

2nd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education and other education stakeholders and partners to maintain the current legislation for one notification with an opt-out option for sexual education.

Adopted with 83.94%



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P24-05 – Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

Sponsor: Sam Livingston School Council

3rd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education and other education stakeholders and partners for the preservation of GSAs/QSAs in all schools in Alberta with continued protections surrounding the personal information of students participating in GSAs/QSAs. These protections should continue to allow students to participate in GSAs without fear of their families or others being notified.

Adopted with 76.69%

P24-05 – Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

Sponsor: Sam Livingston School Council

4th Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education and other education stakeholders and partners to continue to allow teachers to use third-party, evidence-based, medically accurate sexual education and gender and relationship materials in developmentally-appropriate ways without requiring prior approval from the Ministry of Education.

Adopted with 73.68%

P24-05 – Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

Sponsor: Sam Livingston School Council

5th Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education and other education stakeholders and partners to support schools and school boards to be gender inclusive on school forms, websites, and communications, recognizing that gender exists on a spectrum, not as a male/female binary.

Adopted with 83.48%

P24-05 – Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

Sponsor: Sam Livingston School Council

6th Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education and other education stakeholders and partners to support professional development for teachers to provide the knowledge and skills to a) respond immediately and in developmentally-appropriate ways to discriminatory language and behavior and b) use inclusive language, and c) incorporate positive example that affirm and embrace differing sexual orientations and gender identities.

Adopted with 81.25%



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Sponsor: Sam Livingston School Council

7th Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education and other education stakeholders and partners to allow students to use a name and/or pronoun that is different from the one they were given at birth without requiring parental permission.

Adopted with 70.97%

P24-06 – Resource Support for French Immersion Teachers (Available Before Implementation of Curriculum Changes)

Sponsor: École Broxton Park School Council

Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education for French Immersion resources to be developed and available at the same time as English resources prior to the implementation of curriculum.

Adopted with unanimous consent.

P24-07 – Enhanced Reporting of and Support for Class Size and Complexity

Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors

1st Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association advocates to the Minister of Education to:

- 1) Annually report class sizes while actively enacting initiatives aimed at reducing class sizes to levels that facilitate effective teaching and learning;
- 2) Allocate funding and resources for ongoing professional development for educators, ensuring they have the skills and strategies needed to navigate complex classrooms effectively;
- 3) Increase funding to hire additional qualified educators and support staff, recognizing their pivotal roles in addressing the complex needs of students;
- 4) Commit to engaging in meaningful collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including parents, educators, and community members, to develop and implement strategies that promote educational equity through thoughtful consideration of class size and complexity.

Adopted with unanimous consent.



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P24-07 – Enhanced Reporting of and Support for Class Size and Complexity

Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors

2nd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Advocacy Policy 20-05 Support for Addressing Class Size and Complexity be archived.

Adopted with unanimous consent.

ER24-01 – Opposing the Alberta Government's Proposed Policies Re: "Preserving Choice for Children and Youth"

Sponsor: Bisset School Council

1st Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education and the Premier of Alberta to stop further development and implementation of the proposed policy "Preserving Choice for Children and Youth".

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ER24-01 – Opposing the Alberta Government's Proposed Policies Re: "Preserving Choice for Children and Youth"

Sponsor: Bisset School Council

2nd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education and the Premier of Alberta to increase support of 2SLGBTQIA+ students to protect them from discrimination and bullying in the classroom.

Adopted with 70%

ER24-01 – Opposing the Alberta Government's Proposed Policies Re: "Preserving Choice for Children and Youth"

Sponsor: Bisset School Council

Amendment Adopted with 87.13%

3rd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education and the Premier of Alberta to dedicate funding, resources, and programming that serve to better educate parents, caregivers, and peers on gender diversity and the importance of acceptance and inclusion.

Main motion as Amended: Adopted with 59.80%



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ER24-02 – Preserve Non-Partisan Elections for Alberta School Board Trustees

Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors

Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education, and the Government of Alberta for the preservation of non-partisan elections for school board trustees.

Adopted with unanimous consent.

ER24-03 – Request for Emergency, Multi-Tiered Task Force to Ensure Public School Space for All Students

Sponsor: Rutherford Elementary School Council

Amendment: Adopted with unanimous consent.

Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate for the Minister of Education to establish a Task Force with the following objectives and mandates:

- 1) To develop an Emergency Provincial strategic, province-wide plan for school infrastructure that aligns with ASCA's existing advocacy policies while introducing innovative approaches such as but not limited to new funding models, and cost-effective solutions.
- 2) To collaborate closely with the Alberta Government, school districts, and other relevant stakeholders to gather data, assess needs, and prioritize infrastructure projects based on educational necessity rather than political influence.
- 3) To implement a comprehensive public engagement strategy that includes regular updates via social media, press releases, and public forums, allowing for parent and community input into the planning and prioritization processes.
- 4) To ensure that the task force's findings and recommendations are presented in a timely manner with a detailed progress report that is shared publicly.
- 5) To establish mechanisms for ongoing review and adaptation of the infrastructure strategy to respond to new challenges and opportunities as they arise.
- 6) To advocate for amendments to the Alberta Education Act to make the prioritization of school builds transparent, providing clear criteria and timelines accessible to all parents and communities, ensuring that decisions on when and where schools are built are made public, regardless of the school board.
- 7) To ensure that no school exceeds 100% capacity - a situation where students do not have access to a school in their area.

Main motion as Amended: Adopted with unanimous consent.
