



The RSC Review

SUPPORTING LRSD SCHOOL COUNCILS

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **January 15, 2022** - Deadline to submit ASCA Advocacy Resolutions
- **March 3, 2022** - Regional School Council Meeting, Topic: Virtual/Home Schooling
- **April 24, 2022** - ASCA Annual General Meeting

INTRODUCTION: BACK TO BASICS:

Welcome to 2022!

We have a New Year before us and with a New Year, comes new beginnings!

We are Joscelyn Stangowitz and Carla Gimber, first term School Trustees and LRSD's representatives to the Board. We would like to take this opportunity to go back to the basics and learn about School Councils, Regional School Councils, and the Alberta School Council Association together. In this issue, we will explain the different Groups and Associations and how they all work together to support and enhance student learning. We're looking forward to hearing from you and learning together!

WHAT IS REGIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL?

As you know, School councils are legislated under the *Education Act*. They are mandatory for all schools in the public education system. Council members work together to support and enhance student learning. They provide a way for members of the community to consult with and offer advice to principals and school boards.

The LRSD Regional School Council is a group of School Councils within our Division. With quarterly meetings to share and learn, these are a fantastic resource for new and experienced School Chairpersons.

MISSION

- Communication
- Sharing
- Mentoring
- Networking
- Professional development
- Partnering

MANDATE

- Promote School Councils.
- Collaboration between school councils
- Increase awareness of Regional School Council

MEMBERSHIP

- One representative from each LRSD School Council
- Board of Trustees
- LRSD senior management
- School Administrators



WHAT IS ASCA?

ASCA stands for **Alberta School Council Association**.

Their vision is to have "a respected and empowered school council in every Alberta school". They encourage parent engagement in education at the local (school), regional (school board) and provincial (ASCA Board of Directors) levels, primarily through the vehicle of school council.

In short, your School Council uses ASCA as their voice to engage with Alberta's Education Ministry.

Every School Council in Alberta has a membership with ASCA and can access the resources located on their website. Their site has a wealth of information; creating a School Council and/or Parent Association (and the difference between them), engaging parents and community members, how to chair Council meetings including creating agendas and minutes as well as Education Act and Curriculum resources.

Here are links to places on the ASCA site we recommend you explore:

- [School Councils Resource Guide](#)
- Sign up for [Meeting Mondays](#) and [Webinar Wednesdays](#)



ASCA RESOLUTIONS... SIMPLIFIED

ASCA is a non-profit society, governed by an elected, volunteer board of directors comprised of parents on school councils from across Alberta. Every year they hold a [ASCA 2022 Annual General Meeting](#) whereby the proposed resolutions are debated and voted upon, and a new governing board is elected.

This can be an overwhelming exercise for new and experienced School Council Chairpersons and members. As such, we will create a document to share some tips and answer some of the common questions. Watch for it to come in your email inbox!

In the meantime, here are some important links for the upcoming ASCA AGM:

- [ASCA 2022 Annual General Meeting](#)
- [Call for Advocacy Resolutions](#) The deadline to submit is [January 15, 2022](#)



HAVE YOUR SAY!

We would like to have your input for the last RSC meeting for the year.

Please take a moment to answer our quick survey so we can better help you and your School Council!



[Click for the Survey](#)

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