



# The RSC Review

SUPPORTING LRSD SCHOOL COUNCILS

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- January 27, 2023 - Deadline to submit ASCA Advocacy Resolutions
- March 14, 2023 - Regional School Council Meeting, Topic: ASCA Resolutions
- April 23, 2023 - ASCA Annual General Meeting



## WELCOME TO 2023!

As your Regional School Council Trustee representatives to the LRSD Board, we will continue to explore the basics of School Councils, Regional School Council, and the Alberta School Council Association, while highlighting upcoming areas of interest.

## 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.

All School Councils within LRSD belong to the LRSD Regional School Council. We meet as a group to share information, best practices, and support new and experienced School Councils.



**The next meeting will be held virtually, March 14th, 2023, at 6:30pm.**

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Email Nikki at [lytwynn@lrzd.ab.ca](mailto:lytwynn@lrzd.ab.ca) for a link.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING MODULES



The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is pleased to announce the availability of a three-module, self-paced workshop, "Creating School Council Plans to Engage the School Community." It covers the topics of legislation and school plans, engagement and school environments, and creating a plan.

The online modules will be facilitated by an ASCA instructor from 7 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 30, Feb. 13, and Feb. 27. More information visit the [ASCA Website](#).

## REMINDER!

Spend your \$500 ASCA Engagement Grant!

## 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 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.

We invite you to explore all ASCA has to offer on the [ASCA Website](#).



## 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 2023 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 Conference & AGM:

- [ASCA 2023 Annual General Meeting & Conference April 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023](#).



Each school council has \$500 to cover registration/meals/travel/hotel.



- [Call for Advocacy Resolutions](#). The deadline to submit is **January 27, 2023**

## CONNECT WITH US!



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