

# Regional School Council

## ASCA RESOLUTIONS... SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED



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 the [ASCA 2023 Annual General Meeting](#) whereby the proposed resolutions are debated and voted upon, and a new governing board is elected.

One of the most important events for parents on school council is the association **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** held in conjunction with the ASCA School Councils Conference.

This can be an overwhelming exercise for new and experienced School Council Chairpersons and members. Here we endeavor to simplify the process and enhance your experience at the ASCA AGM by sharing some tips and best practices.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **March 14, 2023** - Regional School Council Meeting, Topic: ASCA Resolutions
- **April 7, 2023** - ASCA Board of Directors Nomination Form due.
- **April 13, 2023** - ASCA AGM Credential and Proxy Forms are due.
- **April 14, 2023** - ASCA Annual General Meeting and Conference Registration Deadline
- **April 21, 2023** - ASCA Conference and Trade Show
- **April 22, 2023** - ASCA Conference and Trade Show
- **April 23, 2023** - ASCA Annual General Meeting

### **Step 1: ASCA Calls for Resolutions.**

Parents on school councils in Alberta identify issues affecting ECS-12 students they would like to see addressed, changed, or resolved, in provincial education. School Councils “sponsor” a “Proposed Advocacy” and it is **submitted to ASCA in January**.

What is a Resolution? There are different kinds:

The *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions* are created by Member School Councils and the ASCA Board of Directors. They are included in SECTION I of the Resolution Package. In summary, these are the things brought forward by other School Councils they would like ASCA to advocate.

The *Administrative Resolutions* are for Member School Councils to review and discuss and pertain to ASCA Administration Issues.

**Step 2: ASCA prepares the Advocacy Resolutions Review Package**

- ASCA works with the sponsors to finalize intent, wording, and formatting for presentation to members for discussion in their communities. A pre-meeting package is sent to School Councils.

**Step 3: School Councils Review and decide**

- Each School Council has ONE vote. To determine how the school council will vote, the chairperson can summarize each resolution, present it in clear terminology, discuss, and then arrive at a consensus.

**Step 4: Vote - Voting is Your Voice!!!**

Parents on school council shape the future of Alberta's public education system with input through advocacy resolutions and voting at the ASCA AGM. Resolutions passed into policy at the AGM form the association perspective as presented to Alberta government and organizations in provincial education.

- All school councils with current ASCA membership are eligible to submit Proposed Advocacy Resolutions and send parent representatives to vote on behalf of the school council at the ASCA Annual General Meeting.
- Your school council voting delegate will vote on the proposed resolutions and additional association business on Meeting Day, April 23, 2023.

**Step 5: Action**

- Resolutions passed become belief statements, advisory positions as Advocacy Policy of ASCA.
- ASCA forwards the new policies to government and the Education Ministry.
- Advocacy policies are utilized to express the views of members (parents on school council perspectives), when contributing input at provincial education committee meetings

***Don't miss an opportunity to be involved,  
to be heard,  
and make a difference in public education.***

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