



BOARD MEMORANDUM

Purpose:



For Information.

Background:

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Board of Directors has invited Sturgeon Public Schools to increase our School Council engagement in ASCA's upcoming events. Previous attendance has been low:

Year	ASCA Conference	ASCA General Meetings # of school councils attending
	# of school councils attending	# of school councils attenuing
2018	4	
2019	2	0
2020	Cancelled	Spring: 1 (non-voting); Fall: 0
2021	0	0
	School Council Engagement Opportunity	
2021	0	

This year the ASCA Conference takes place on April 22 and 23 2022, followed by the ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 24^{th,} 2022, and will be an Online event. All Parents, Principals, Teachers and School Council members are invited to attend the ASCA Conference. Participants may also choose to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM), however, School Councils may have only one Voting Delegate at the AGM.

Fees for the conference have not been released, and there is no fee for the Voting Delegate from each School Council to attend the AGM (subsequent attendees need to pay \$25.00).

Education Services provided an informative communication via email, on January 12, 2022, to all School Council Chairs and Vice Chairs, Principals, Vice Principals and to the Board of Trustees. A copy of the communication has been attached for reference.







Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the February 9, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Sincerely,

Shawna Walter, M. Ed Acting Superintendent

Attachment



From: To: Cc: Bcc:	<u>Kristina Kuzio</u> <u>Principals; VP;</u> Jonathan Konrad
	ASCA Annual General Meeting, Conference & Trade Show - Save the Date! Wednesday, January 12, 2022 11:30:00 AM <u>image002.png</u> <u>image003.png</u>
Subject: Date:	

Email sent on behalf of Jonathan Konrad, Acting Deputy Superintendent, Education Services.

Hello School Council Chairs and Vice Chairs,

Attachments:

I hope you had a restful and peaceful break with your families. I want to share this exciting opportunity for each of our Principals, Vice Principals, Teachers and School Council Members:

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

Two of the most important events for parents on a School Council are the **ASCA provincial Conference**, scheduled on <u>April 22 and 23, 2022</u> and the **Virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, on <u>April 24, 2022</u>. All members of a School Council are invited to attend these events.

The ASCA provincial Conference is an opportunity for parents to come together, learn from leaders and each other about topics relevant to schools and School Councils. Some of the topics covered in the past are:

• School Council-Trustee relationship, Community Resilience, Student Wellbeing, CyberFraud, Pathway to Safe Inclusive Schools, the Métis Perspective, and more.

Fees for the ASCA provincial Conference have yet to be announced.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is another important advocacy event for parents on School Councils, and one member from each Council should consider attending.

- If more than one member of a School Council is planning on attending it will be important for one person to be authorized by the Chair of that School Council to represent that group as the *Voting Delegate*.
- The Voting Delegate and Proxy Holder form will be updated on the ASCA website by the end of January 2022.

Parents, Principals, Teachers and/or School Council members are invited to attend as

"support parents" or observers and can speak to any agenda item, but not make motions or vote and will need to pay a fee to attend.

There are no Fees for the *Voting Delegate* at the AGM, and all other attendees will be required to pay \$25.00 to attend.

Parents on School Councils continue to shape the future of Alberta's Public Education System with input through advocacy resolutions and voting. With your ASCA membership your School Council is eligible to submit *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions* and send one parent representative to vote on behalf of the School Council, at the ASCA Annual General Meeting which will be passed into policy to form the association perspective and presented to the Alberta Government and organizations in Alberta's education.

2022 School Councils Conference & Trade Show

ASCA Conference and Trade Show Information Link

Date:	April 22 and 23, 2022
Location:	Delta Marriott Edmonton South Conference Centre
	(4404 Gateway Boulevard, Edmonton)
Forum:	TBD
Price:	TBD

ASCA 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Information Link

Information Link:

Date:	April 24, 2022	
Forum:	Virtual	
Price:	Elected as Voting Delegate – No Fee	
	Parent, Teacher, Principal from School Council - \$25.00	
	Others (Trustees, Superintendents, partner organization representatives) -	
TBA		

The December 15th issue of the ASCA e-News has more information about the operational changes for ASCA beginning in January. <u>https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/newsletters</u>

Sent from Kristina Kuzio, on behalf of Jonathan Konrad.

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