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CREATING SCHOOL COUNCIL PLANS

ENHANCEMENT



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INTRODUCTIONS


➤ Land Acknowledgement


➤ Presenter

➤ A bit about me

➤ Participants


➤ A bit about you





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AND...A BIT ABOUT ASCA


Established in 1929

Provincial Association
made up of member
school councils across
Alberta



Promote meaningful and
positive engagement of
parents in our education
system through school
councils

Working for excellence in public
education and student learning
success

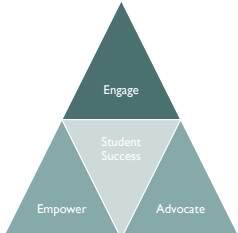


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PURSuing
ASCA'S MISSION:

ASCA will engage and empower Alberta school councils while advocating for the parent voice in the education system.

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THREE CORE AREAS OF FOCUS: I. ENGAGE

- School Council E-News (sign up on our website)
- Surveys
- Social Media @Abschoolcouncil
- Events



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THREE CORE AREAS OF FOCUS: 2. EMPOWER

www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/

- Learning Opportunities** Workshops Presentations Consultations
(see "Request a Workshop" on our website)
Webinars Meeting Mondays Web Clips
(see "Online Learning Resources" on our website)
- Resources** ASCA Resource Guide Templates Tip Sheets
- Annual Conference & AGM April 21-23, 2023**
Keynote Speakers Workshops Networking Resource Gallery

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THREE CORE AREAS OF FOCUS:

3. ADVOCATE

POLICY

... developed through

➢ Consultation

➢ Advocacy Policy Resolutions determined at ASCA AGM (April 23, 2023)

➢ School Council Engagement Task Force

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Executive AGCA

Alberta

Teachers' SPA

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School Councils AGM

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Superintendent GAC

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Learning & Support GAC

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... used to advocate on behalf of member school councils at consultative tables throughout the education system

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TODAY'S OBJECTIVES:

To understand the value and processes of planning as they relate to School Councils and to create a School Council Plan reflective of this school community.

Learning outcomes and structure

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SCHOOL COUNCIL IS...

A means for parents and community members to work together with the principal and the school community to **support and enhance student learning.**

Information

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LEGISLATED TO...

Inquire by "Seeking to Understand"

How does this improve our school community?



What does this look like in our school?

How does this help to support student success?

Advise the principal and the board respecting matters relating to the school.
Revisited on 15 May 2015

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ADVISE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL, SUCH AS, ...

➤ Professional Practice Standards

➤ Alberta Education Initiatives

- impact at local, division level
- voice at provincial level through ASCA

➤ Respecting Diversity and Promoting Inclusion

➤ Advancing Reconciliation


➤ Development of School Policies

➤ Annual Results Reports

➤ Development of School Budget:
ABED \$ ➡ Division \$ ➡ School \$

➤ Education Plans

➤ Assurance Framework

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4 LEVELS OF INTEGRATED PLANNING

➤ Alberta Education's Ministry Business Plan


➤ School Board's Education Plan
(1-year or 3-year)

➤ School's Education Plan
(1-year or 3-year)


➤ School Council's Plan (optional)



Planning & Reporting Cycle

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BUSINESS PLAN 2022 - 2025

MINISTRY OUTCOMES:

- Alberta's students are successful.
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students in Alberta are successful.
- Alberta has excellent teachers, school leaders, and school authority leaders.
- Alberta's K-12 education system is well governed and managed.

Budget 2022 – Education Business Plan 2022-25:
<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/c6a5c12-a239-4bd9-8275-3ab56d84f5b3/resource/66b4f94b-5654-4fca-a335-69f66ce773b/download/edu-education-business-plan-2022-25-english.pdf>

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ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

The 5 Assurance Areas:

- Student Growth and Achievement
- Teaching and Leading
- Learning Supports
- Governance
- **Local and Societal Context**

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FRAMEWORK FOR ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL COUNCIL PLAN

5 EVALUATE
School Council Plan

4 FOLLOW-THROUGH
Implement, Monitor, Adjust

3 DETERMINE RESOURCES
Identify, Prioritize, Allocate

2 DECIDE ON GOALS
Communicate, Collaborate, Engage

1 GATHER INPUT
Research, Understand, Organize

School Council

Enhance Student Learning

- School Community Views
- Alberta Education's Ministry Business Plan
- School Board's Education Plan (1-year or 3-year)
- School's Education Plan (1-year or 3-year)

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WHERE TO START:

➤ Legislation/Policy

➤ Which Issues

➤ Type of Engagement

➤ Create a Plan



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A SCHOOL COUNCIL MAY:
(AT ITS DISCRETION,)

➤ **Advise** the principal and the board respecting any matter relating to the school,

➤ **Perform any duty**...delegated to it by the Board...

➤ **Decide** operating procedures for itself

➤ **Carry out** activities related to its advisory role

➤ **Handle monies**

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A SCHOOL BOARD MUST...
(NO "IFS, ANDS OR BUTS")

12(1) Provide the School Council with an opportunity to provide **advice** on the development of the **school's**

(a) foundation statements, if any, respecting the school's vision, principles and beliefs,

(b) **policies,**

(c) **annual education plan** and **annual results report** required by the Minister to be reported under section 67 of the Act, and

(d) **budget** required to be reported under section 139 of the Act.

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Source: School Councils Regulation, Alberta Regulation

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ANNUAL EDUCATION PLAN - SCHOOL




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AREAS SCHOOL COUNCIL MAY ASSIST:
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SCHOOL COMMUNITY VIEWS

➤ Current activities

➤ Current focus of meetings/discussions

➤ Environmental Scan: Ideal World

➤ Possible Modifications



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TYPES OF ENGAGEMENT



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PLANNING PARTNER

SCHOOL COUNCIL

➤ governed by Education Act

➤ mandatory

➤ support and enhance student learning

➤ advisory only

➤ no legal authority

FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION

➤ governed by Societies Act

➤ optional


➤ financially support and enhance student learning through the school and/or school council

➤ legal authority, ability and liability

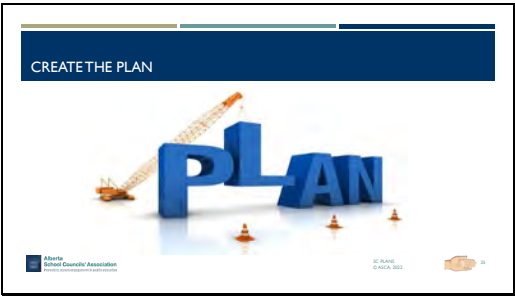
No school council shall incorporate under the Societies Act or Part 9 of the Companies Act. Alberta Regulation 94/2019 School Councils Regulation

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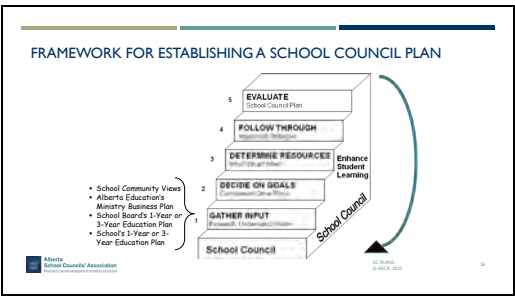
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CONCLUSIONS

- There is value in having a School Council Plan.
- A clearly defined process helps to create a clearly defined plan.
- Planning is a collaborative task.
- Our School Council Plan is reflective of our school community.
- Communicating our Plan is integral to its success.

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NEXT STEPS

1. Implement what you've learned today
2. Schedule/register for your next ASCA Learning Opportunity
3. Invite more people (parents, grandparents, teachers, EAs, students, community members) to learn alongside you, and to support your students' learning success



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