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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



90
YEARS
1929 - 2019

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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THREE CORE AREAS OF FOCUS:

3. ADVOCATE

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graph TD; A[Three Core Areas of Focus] --> B[3. ADVOCATE]; B --> C[Policy]; B --> D[Advocacy]; B --> E[School Council Engagement]; C --> C1[... developed through]; C1 --> C2[Consulation]; C1 --> C3[Advocacy Policy Resolutions determined at ASCA AGM (April 23, 2023)]; C1 --> C4[School Council Engagement Task Force]; D --> D1[Alberta School Councils Association]; D --> D2[Alberta School Councils Information Network]; D --> D3[Alberta School Councils Interprovincial Council]; D --> D4[Alberta School Councils International Network]; E --> E1[Alberta School Councils Association]; E --> E2[Alberta School Councils Information Network]; E --> E3[Alberta School Councils Interprovincial Council]; E --> E4[Alberta School Councils International Network];
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POLICY
... developed through

- > Consultation
- > Advocacy Policy Resolutions determined at ASCA AGM (April 23, 2023)
- > School Council Engagement Task Force

... 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.



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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.

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LEGISLATED TO...

Inquire by "Seeking to Understand"

What does this look like in our school?

How does this improve our school community?

How does this help support student success?

Advise the principal and the board respecting matters relating to the school.

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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)



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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.

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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

Legend: School Council

- School Community View
- Alberta Education's Ministry Business Plan
- School Council's Action Plan (1-year or 3-year)

5 **EVALUATE**
School Council Plan

4 **FOLLOW THROUGH**
School Council Action

3 **DETERMINE RESOURCES**
What Will It Cost

2 **DECIDE ON GOALS**
Curriculum/Our Plan

1 **GATHER INPUT**
From Our Community

School Council

Enhance Student Learning

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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")

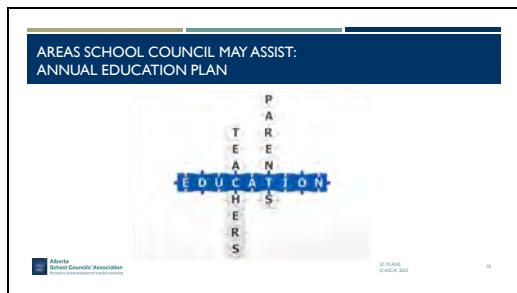
12(1) Provide the School Council with an opportunity to provide advice on the development of the school's

- (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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SCHOOL COMMUNITY VIEWS

- Current activities
- Current focus of meetings/discussions
- Environmental Scan: Ideal World
- Possible Modifications



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TYPES OF ENGAGEMENT



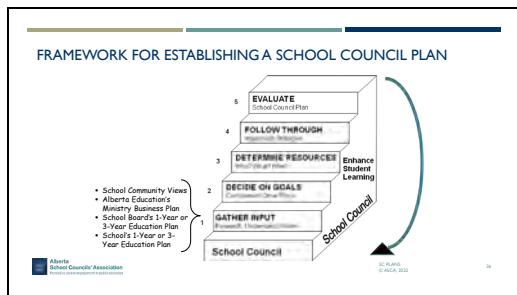
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PLANNING PARTNER	
SCHOOL COUNCIL <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ governed by <i>Education Act</i>➢ <i>mandatory</i>➢ support and enhance student learning➢ <i>advisory only</i>➢ <i>no legal authority</i>	
	FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ governed by <i>Societies Act</i>➢ <i>optional</i>➢ financially support and enhance student learning through the school and/or school council➢ <i>legal authority, ability and liability</i>

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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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