



ASBA News

Welcome to the first edition of the ASBA newsletter! This newsletter will be distributed every two months and is intended to keep school boards informed about what's happening at ASBA, what's coming, and what you need to know. Have a story idea or case study to share? Send in your suggestions to rthygesen@asba.ab.ca

Visit our website

A message from President Lorrie Jess

It seems unbelievable and yet here we are, more than three months since our last general meeting and the new beginnings of our journey together, with me as your humble president. I am grateful and energized by your overall support for ASBA's Board of Directors and ASBA's phenomenal staff. I have also been overwhelmed by the congratulatory wishes I have received, in person, over the phone and by email, for my presidency. I thank you all for your kind, heartfelt words.



[Click here](#) to read the entire update from ASBA President Lorrie Jess.

We've got a new look!

ASBA is excited to unveil its new, modern brand identity. After months of preparation, the ASBA Board of Directors has chosen a new logo, complete with new corporate materials.

[Click here](#) to view our new brand identity package.

Please note: A new website is currently being developed, so the current ASBA website will continue to use the old brand.

Graphic Elements



Keep an eye out for your invitation from the Alberta Council for Environmental Education



ACEE is working with Education Minister Eggen's office on an exciting one-day dialogue in November that will bring together education leaders and key opinion-leaders to help education leaders take the next step toward increasing environmental and energy literacy and sustainability in Alberta schools.

[More information here.](#)

ASBA's The Learning Centre

The Learning Centre (TLC) is the newest addition to the services offered to ASBA's members, available fall 2018. It is an online learning environment, where school board members can access training and information anytime, anywhere, from any device. TLC complements ASBA's face-to-face learning events to provide membership with a blended approach to professional development.

[More about TLC here.](#)

Did you know about our Public Engagement Facilitation?

Looking for a facilitator for your next public engagement event?

Following the principles of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2), ASBA is pleased to offer public engagement facilitation and community engagement survey services for school boards.

[Learn more here!](#)



Indigenous Advisory Circle update



The creation of the Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) has been a huge step for ASBA both in terms of supporting First Nations, Métis and Inuit students across the province and in supporting professional learning for trustees. Since the inception of the circle, our wise and generous members have already provided professional learning opportunities, and more to come!

[Learn more here.](#)

From School Board Consultant Tash Taylor: Your guide to staying FAB-ulous

Whenever I'm working with community leaders, non-profit and public administrators, entrepreneurs, or advocates, a common question often emerges: "How do we get our

situation to stand out among all the others and have our voice heard with decision-makers?”

[Read the full blog here.](#)

REMINDER: Deadline to submit emergent policies for FGM

The deadline to submit emergent policies to ASBA for FGM 2018 is Wednesday, October 10. If you have an emergent policy, please send it to Kit Anderson, Coordinator, Governance and Committees at kanderson@asba.ab.ca.



Blog: Terrific Trusteeship

Get answers to your governance questions. In this edition:

What are stakeholders and how they are different than shareholders?

Making sure everyone's voice is heard at board meetings.

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