



# Meeting Highlights

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### **Nomination of a First Nations School Authority leader to the CASS Board of Directors for 2018-2019**

Unanimous approval to include a CASS First Nations School Authority member to the Board was given at the March AGM. Barry Litun asked the committee for advice on a nomination process. The committee thought that it would be important to have a member who was interested in the position, and a knowledgeable and experienced leader. Barry thanked the committee for their advice and will follow up with a call out to members to express an interest in being nominated for this new board position. Barry will also be available to answer any questions that perspective candidates may have about their role and that of the board.

### **Education Business Plan 2018-2021**

The newly released Education business plan was noted to continue to place Indigenous education as a high priority outcome. This continual emphasis was well supported and acknowledged by the committee. Additional discussion of interest to the committee was on key strategy 2.3 "Increase accountability for First Nations, Métis and Inuit funding provided to school authorities" and what that might look like.

<https://education.alberta.ca/business-plans/about-alberta-education-business-plans/>

### **The First Nations Métis Inuit Gathering 2018**

The committee provided input into why the registrations were lower than anticipated and from previous years. A variety of reasons were offered from too many conferences at the same time, district cut back in funding to support professional learning, scheduling challenges with conferences, conventions, school breaks, etc. school districts providing their own system learning for all staff. A question was asked about scheduling the Gathering every other year with the committee not supporting this option because of the immediate importance of this work.

### **The First Nations Métis Inuit Gathering 2018 (continued)**

Committee members were thanked in advance for their contribution to the Gathering. More information will be available on the Gathering in the coming weeks as the survey results are reviewed and analyzed. These will be posted on the CASS website. <https://cassalberta.ca/conferences-workshops/first-nations-metis-inuit-education-gathering-2/>

### **Committee Representation Changes**

Three retiring members of the committee were thanked for their contribution to the work of the committee and offered best wishes on their upcoming retirements at the end of the current school year. Thanks to Amber Hester, zone 4, Richard Fox, Treaty 7, Tom Sperling, CASS, director. Also thanks to our non-retiring members Delores Cox, zone 1, Sandra Stoddard, zone 2/3 and Charlene Bearhead, CASS, director who will be leaving the committee. Elizabeth Gouthro will contact the treaty and zone directors shortly to determine replacements for our retiring representatives to ensure that all zones and treaty areas are well represented on the committee.

Dates and times for 2018-2019 will be scheduled once the vacancies are filled.

The mandate of the CASS First Nations Métis & Inuit Education Action Committee is to collaboratively identify effective education practices for school authorities through engaging with representatives of First Nations, Métis, Public, Separate, Francophone and Charter authorities or associations.

For a complete list of members on the Education Action Committee, please click [here](#).