

## **CASS ZONE 2/3 SEPTEMBER MEETING**

### **Minutes**

Friday, September 21, 2018

Hosted by Parkland School Division

4603 – 48 St. Stony Plain



9:00 – 11:00

Discussion was held on the objectives of Zone 2/3 CASS meetings and how to make the meetings meaningful to all participants. S. Johnson captured the comments from members electronically.

- People enjoy connecting and networking
- People appreciate the updates from Alberta Education
- People want to hear from other divisions about innovation and success stories.

People in roles with similar responsibilities met in groups to discuss common issues. When the large group reconvened information from each of the sessions was shared.

## **CASS ZONE 2/3 MEETING AGENDA**

11:10 **Call to Order**

### **Agenda**

- No additional agenda items
- M. Francis (Parkland) moved the approval of the agenda

### **Minutes**

- R. Kuik (Sturgeon) moved the adoption of minutes – Friday, June 1, 2018
- No business arising from the minutes

### **Financial Report**

- Clarification was provided on two CASS fees.
  - Provincial CASS sends an invoice to each authority.
  - Elk Island Catholic is the banker for Zone 2/3 CASS. Fees are \$125.00 per member and should be forwarded to Patti Danos at Elk Island Catholic Schools.

11:15 **Alberta Education Zone 2/3 Report**

- Garret Doll - Metro Services Branch – Garret provided updates on a number of topics including Residential School Material, Curriculum and Professional Standards.

11:45 **Standing Committee Reports**

- Brent Allen – Learning Network – provided a report. Updated information on all the programs offered through the Learning Network Educational Services website at <https://www.learning-network.org/>

12:00 **Lunch** (lunch will be provided, 45 minutes)

12:45 **CASS Executive Director Report**

- Barry Litun shared items from his report which can be found on the CASS website. A thorough update was provided on certification for system leaders. In addition Barry commented on the upcoming fall CASS conference and the pension cap.

**CASS Zone Director Report**

- Dr. Rhonda Nixon, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

1:30 **CASS In-Camera (CASS Members Only)**

1. S. Johnson (Parkland) recapped the morning sharing session. The following people agreed to be the lead people for groupings based on similar roles in upcoming CASS meetings.
  - a. Assessment and IT – R. Nixon (Greater St. Albert)
  - b. Curriculum - A. Penner (Buffalo Trail)
  - c. Human Resources – M. Francis (Parkland)
  - d. Inclusive Education – B. Brochu (Greater St. Albert)
  - e. Superintendents – D. Keohane (Greater St. Albert)
2. General consensus was that people enjoyed the morning session providing there was a report back to the large group from the break-out sessions. It was also suggested that time be available for division, two or three each meeting, to share some of the innovative work in their division.

M. Francis (Parkland) moved to adjourn at 2:15pm

*Next:*

*December 7 @ Edmonton Catholic | March 1 @ Edmonton Public | June 7 @ Elk Island Public*

## ***Transitioning to Concept-Based Curriculum and Instruction***

John Waterhouse, Executive Director, ERLC has requested time after the conclusion of our meeting to present a recently developed session regarding the shift to Concept-Based Curriculum in Alberta. The session will run between 90 – 120 minutes. John understands that people may already have commitments, however he is willing to work with anyone willing to join him. Please see the brief description of the session below. Further questions

Topics for this 2-hour session will be:

- Alberta Education Curriculum development and implementation timelines
- The "why?" behind the shift to Concept-Based Curriculum
- Synthesis to Guiding Framework Principles and Standards
- Curriculum Components - what do educators need to know?
- Professional Learning resources