

Professional Learning Committee December 2018 Meeting Highlights

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The mandate of the Professional Learning Committee is to be responsible for advising on the design for the professional learning activities of the College of Alberta School Superintendents.

CASS 2018-19 Professional Learning will be consistent with Alberta Education Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard and the [CASS System Education Leader Practice Profile](#) content with a focus on deepening the understanding and applying the learning to further a commitment to action in supporting implementation of the practice standard(s). <https://cassalberta.ca/professional-learning/>

The committee reviewed the data from the Fall Conference to offer suggestions for the design of the CASS/Alberta Education Annual Conference. Highlights and information reviewed:

Conference survey data, based on 40% of delegates responding to the survey indicates that:

- 93-96% strongly agree/agree that the learning opportunity contributed to understanding of the professional practice standards, that they will apply their learning and that they learned information about leading/implementing the professional practice standards.
- An aspect of the learning opportunity that made it meaningful was the “*The ability to collaborate with other school divisions and hear different ideas*”, *the opportunity to learn with my school authority team.*
- An aspect that might be improved: time for my team to discuss the learning, more application of the learning – e.g. Implementation, a focus on curriculum, continued opportunity to learn with my colleagues.
- One thing I require to further my learning: continued support in our learning of the standards and supports from CASS, continued research and best practices, additional cross district planning opportunities as we move to implement new curriculum.
- Keynotes should have an education background and further exploration for keynotes will occur.
- **As a result of reviewing the data and being aware of the current context relative to certification in-service the committee advised:**
 - suggested a design for the annual conference with components that encourage sharing amongst colleagues.
 - A survey has been sent to explore if members wish to participate in the Leadership Certification In-Service – March 20 and 21. Depending on results of the survey the conference design will be adapted.
 - A Call for Proposals was sent to all members on Dec 6th with a return date requested for January 10th Committee members will review submissions on January 15th. Please consider sharing your practices with your colleagues <https://goo.gl/forms/AuPwlgy2JGmYUgGO2>

- **World Café process** was well received as an opportunity to learn what others are doing and share district practices. Committee agreed it should be offered at the annual conference. Summary available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wt9jCKBmci4CtudFsg6rs-d1MHc4tSodXrWgAvhYHk/edit?usp=sharing>
- **Role – alike meetings** were also viewed positively and the group advised this should continue. A summary of the role-alike meetings was sent to those who attended individual sessions and will be compiled and sent to all members. The committee advised that CASS team explores a more consistent method for sharing notes.
- **CASS Fall Conference reading and resource materials** tab at <https://cassalberta.ca/conferences-workshops/cass-fall-conference-2018/> shares a contact list for all facilitators including any resources they shared. Also included at this tab is an executive summary of resources and images created to support implementation of the practice standards. <https://cassalberta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CASS-Fall-Conference-2018-Presenter-Contacts-and-Resource-Materials.pdf> Conference materials are being archived for use by all. Reconfiguration of the <https://cassalberta.ca/> site will occur due to multiple resources.
- **Module Learning Pre-Conference** was offered with delegates sharing their learning based on current practices, learning from the summer conference and how the learning was applied. For more information visit this activity where delegates shared their practice.
- August 2018 Learning Module Activity. Please click on the titles to access the Google Docs: [Building Effective Relationships](#), [Visionary Leadership](#), [Leading Learning](#), [First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education for All](#) and [Supporting Effective Governance](#)

Superintendent and Principal Certification

CASS in collaboration with the ATA and AISCA will be developing curriculum for an In-Service program for superintendent certification and leadership certification. The In-Service opportunities will be offered from March – December 2019. Further information contact Naomi Johnson at naomi.johnson@cass.ab.ca

First Nations Métis and Inuit and Education Gathering April 10 – 12th - Registration open

<https://cassalberta.ca/conferences-workshops/2019-first-nations-metis-inuit-education-gathering/>

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Next meeting – January 15th – Teleconference at 8:00 am

