

Professional Learning Committee October 2018 Meeting Highlights

Committee members met on October 11, 2018. Highlights of the meeting include:

CASS Professional Learning Committee Members

Zone 1

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Committee Chair

Zone 2/3

Thérèse de Champlain-Good
Elk Island Catholic

Zone 4

Shan Jorgenson-Adam
Battle River

Zone 5

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Zone 6

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1. CASS Fall Conference

- Based on the committee's input, delegates survey feedback from past conferences and Board direction and as part of the [CASS Comprehensive Professional Learning Plan](#) the fall conference has been designed.
- <https://cassalberta.ca/conferences-workshops/cass-fall-conference-2018/>
- Highlights include: Keynotes for both personal leadership capacity and wellness focus. Alberta Stories of Practice concurrent sessions offered coherent with the intent of the competencies in the SLQS. Opportunities to meet with role a like colleagues and Alberta Education. World Café process to address provincial and jurisdiction areas of growth.

2. CASS Professional Learning Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee supported a new draft Terms of Reference, which will be presented to the CASS Board of Directors for consideration at the next meeting on October 31, 2018. Once considered, the updated Terms of Reference will be posted in the Member Handbook.

Some key aspects include:

Mandate

- The mandate of the Professional Learning Committee is to be supportive in advising on the design for the professional learning activities of the College of Alberta School Superintendents.
- The work of the committee will be guided by the overarching outcome for professional learning as approved by the CASS Board of Directors
- *Superintendent and system leadership supports quality school leadership and teaching to create optimum learning for all students in Alberta.*
- **CASS 2018-19 Professional Learning** will be coherent 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/>

3. Planning for Implementation (e.g., professional practice standard(s), new curriculum

- Professional learning committee will review CASS resources available at <https://cassalberta.ca/planning-for-implementation/>
- An implementation and comprehensive professional learning plans have the potential to support the impact of efforts put forward preparing district team members with applying the outcomes imagined from initiatives such as new curriculum and professional practice standard(s)

4. Superintendent and Principal Certification

CASS in collaboration with the ATA and AISCA will be developing curriculum for an In-Service program for Leadership Quality Standard and the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard. The In-Service opportunities will be offered through the calendar year 2019 and potentially into spring 2020. The In-Service programs will only be available to persons serving as a System Leader or School Leader in 2018/19. This information will be shared at upcoming Zone Meetings. Dr. Naomi Johnson will lead this work and begins in late September.

5. First Nations Métis and Inuit and Education Gathering being planned by the [First Nations Métis and Inuit Education Action Committee](#)

Save the Date April 10- 12 <https://cassalberta.ca/conferences-workshops/2019-first-nations-metis-inuit-education-gathering/>

Next Meeting

- A face to face opportunity at the FALL conference
- Early December to review data from FALL conference survey as well as initiate design plans for the CASS / Alberta Education Annual Learning Conference

