



**Friday, October 21, 2016
Meeting Highlights**

PRESENT:

Chair – Elizabeth Gouthro, CASS Director of Leadership Learning
Ryan Anderson – Nipisihkopahk Education Authority, Zone 4, Treaty 6 Area
Chester Auger – Bigstone Cree Nation Education, Zone 1, Treaty 8 Area
Richard Fox – Kainai Board of Education, Zone 6, Treaty 7 Area
Amber Hester – Wolf Creek Public Schools, Zone 4
Cory Arcand – Alexander First Nation, Zone 2/3, Treaty 6 Area
Solange Lalonde – Métis Education Council, Rupertsland Institute
Delores Pruden-Barrie – High Prairie School Division, Zone 1
Darryl Seguin – Livingstone Range School Division, Zone 6
Melissa Purcell – Edmonton Public Schools, Zone 2/3
Andrea Holowka – Calgary Catholic School District, Zone 5

CASS Representatives:

Mike Barbero – CASS Director of Leadership Learning, Student Engagement
Tom Sperling – CASS Director of Leadership Learning, Conference Planning
Barry Litun – CASS Executive Director
Rosanne Isberg – CASS Executive Assistant and meeting recorder

REGRETS:

Glenda Bristow – St. Paul Education Regional Division, Zone 2/3
Sandra Stoddard – Edmonton Public Schools, Zone 2/3
Jeannie Paul – Treaty 6 Education Liaison & Policy Analyst
Guest (Alberta Education): Trish Randolph Beaver – Education Manager, Collaboration, and Learning Supports

Highlights

1. Elizabeth Gouthro will approach the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs to request an opportunity to share a brief presentation about CASS, and the work it does to support System Leaders in all Alberta School Authorities.
2. Ensuring that Zone Chairs have the current listing of First Nations, Métis and Inuit CASS members' contact information for their zones so that these members are invited to future zone meetings.
 - Presidents and Secretaries for each zone were sent this information in September.
 - As new members join CASS their contact information will be immediately sent to their respective zone chairs and secretaries.
 - **Post meeting note** – One additional Acting Superintendent has joined CASS since the October 17 meeting, so as of November 28:
 - 40 CASS members represent 19 separate First Nations, Métis & Inuit entities

- Of those 19, one is the Alberta Métis Education Council and five are Tribal Councils.
 - Thirteen of 46 First Nations Education Authorities have direct membership in CASS.
 - Tribal Councils represent multiple First Nations Education Authorities. A total of 17 First Nations Education Authorities are represented in CASS through a Tribal Council. This is in addition to the 13 Authorities represented directly, therefore 30 of 46 First Nations Education Authorities have representation in CASS.
3. Executive Director Barry Litun and Director of Leadership Learning Del Litke were invited by the League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents of Saskatchewan (LEADS) to attend their summer conference in August and participate in the professional learning module on First Nations, Métis & Inuit education. This opportunity will guide CASS in its work to develop a similar professional learning module for CASS members.
 4. CASS has been invited to work with Charlene Bearhead, Education Lead at the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation, to provide professional learning for all CASS members.
 5. A needs assessment for CASS members, seeking feedback on areas of need for professional learning in First Nations, Métis & Inuit education will be conducted early in 2017.
 6. Ryan Anderson, Director of Instructional Services / Literacy Coach for Nipisihkopahk Education Authority, shared an update of the Maskwacis ECS to Grade 12 School Commission. The intent is for the four bands that comprise Maskwacis to form one Education Authority. On June 21, 2016 Chiefs from Montana First Nation, Louis Bull Tribe, Samson Cree Nation, and Ermineskin Cree Nation signed a letter of intent with Alberta ministers David Eggen (education) and Richard Feehan (Indigenous relations).
 7. **Elizabeth Gouthro provided comment to the resource links included in the agenda:**
http://health.afn.ca/uploads/files/afn_youth_calls_to_action_on_life_promotion_en_final.pdf (Assembly of First Nations National Youth Council - Calls to Action: on Life Promotion in First Nations Communities)

https://www.cdhowe.org/sites/default/files/attachments/other-research/pdf/Education_Conference_Report_2016.pdf (CD Howe Institute- Policy Conference Report: Improving Education for Indigenous Children in Canada)

<http://www.ocya.alberta.ca/child/videos/voices-for-change/> (Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta)

Dr. Allan Luke

Video Resource: [Spring Gathering 2014 Guest Speaker Video](#)

Research: [A Summative Evaluation of the Stronger Smarter Learning Communities Project](#)

Document: [Abridged Version \(PDF 675kB\)](#)

<http://www.wipce2017.com/> (World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education) Conference proposal deadline extended to Oct. 31

8. Elizabeth indicated that CASS has requested a meeting of the partners that signed the Joint Commitment to Action in June.

Post meeting note – A meeting has been scheduled in December.

9. Land-based learning exploration www.lifewaysofcanada.com and Ya Ha Tinda Ranch

Elizabeth provided comment to the website and ranch. She stressed that not all learning should come from books. Members with knowledge of current land based learning programs are asked to contact the CASS office.

10. Presentations on First Nations, Métis and Inuit education were made at the Start Right and Leading for Learning Summer Academies for beginning and experienced school leaders, in July, and at the New Members Academy in September.

11. Acting upon a request from committee members, CASS will seek opportunities for the Directors / Superintendents from First Nations Education Authorities across the province to meet.

12. Elizabeth Gouthro is able to provide appropriate acknowledgement of the land for provincial school authorities upon request.