

board highlights

Board of Directors Meeting December 4, 2024

APLC Quarterly Report

- The Consortium's report highlighted a significant growth in resource development dedicated to the New Learn Alberta Site, with 111 boards created and over 5,600 teachers actively reviewing and applying these resources in their classrooms.
- Additionally, the Consortium reported a staggering 368% increase in hits on its YouTube channel, totaling 48,134 views, while the Moodle portal recorded a 312% surge in course engagement.
- This growth reflects the success of APLC's evolving business model, which now emphasizes resource development alongside professional learning sessions.
- Moreover, operating under a unified name has significantly boosted brand recognition and teacher engagement provincially, creating greater impact across all regions.
- These trends highlight a promising future for resource accessibility and professional learning opportunities for educators.

2024-2025 Conditional Grant Update

- Key updates include adjustments in deliverables, such as removing certain studies and adding new projects like collaboration with the Ministry on school nutrition programs, aggressive student behaviour strategies, and literacy advancement.
- Additionally, new initiatives supporting First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, career pathways, and collegiate education were incorporated, while eliminating previous components related to Indigenous education courses and mentorship programs.
- Of the requested \$591,040, CASS currently has \$236,914 in unallocated funding from the previous year, which allows us to begin planning the 2025 Indigenous Education Gathering.
- A formal request for proposals for independent contractors to complete deliverables was issued on November 26, 2024.

Meeting with Deputy Minister and Executive Team

- The Board will meet with the Deputy Minister and the Executive Team on Friday, January 10, 2025.
- Agenda topics for consideration include funding and budget, teacher and support staff shortage, Bil 27, curriculum, and continued partnership with CASS.

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Post-secondary Teaching Programs

- CASS provided feedback, which was incorporated in a proposed teaching certificate program being submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education in response to teacher shortage.
- The program's proposed scope and sequence remains embargoed until approval.
- A meeting with Education Minister Nicolaides and Advanced Education Minister Sawhney will be arranged to expedite approval of the certificate program.

Joint CASS, AADE and Ministry Meeting Agenda

- ADM for System Excellence Meghann Eagle has coordinated with Jennifer Tupper, Dean of Education for University of Alberta and President C. Moroziuk to arrange a joint meeting involving the CASS Board, the Alberta Association of Deans of Education (AADE), and Ministry representatives.
- The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2024, and will be an all-day event hosted at the University of Alberta.
- The meeting seeks to foster collaboration among participants to ensure the teaching profession remains rewarding and fulfilling.