

board highlights

Board of Directors Meeting | January 9-10, 2025

Bill 27 Recommendations to the Ministry

- The Board engaged in a detailed discussion regarding the section on parental notification and consent during emergencies, particularly the interpretation of the phrase "body of the student."
- Recognizing the ambiguity of the wording, the Board adopted advocacy strategies to support the effective implementation of the new legislative changes.

Renewal of CEO Contract

- The Board approved the CEO's contract be renewed for a period of five years effective August 16, 2025 to August 15, 2030.

Consultation Regarding Availability of Menstrual Products in Schools

- A discussion on menstrual equity and period poverty with CASS, Alberta Education, and the Ministry of Arts, Culture, and Status of Women occurred, December 12, 2024.
- Key topics included the distribution models, existing programs, and storage challenges.
- Action items include further research on distribution, sustainable partnerships, and insights from St. Albert Public Schools who has been an adopter of systemic protocols to address this topic.

CASS Engagement on Home Education Regulation

- Stakeholder consultation on Alberta's Home Education Regulation, focusing on administrative changes and clarity occurred, December 12, 2024.
- Discussions included notification requirements, evaluations, high school credits, funding, and program plans.
- CASS submitted feedback, with ongoing engagement in follow-up meetings regarding the topic.

Secondary Curriculum Development and Implementation

- The Board emphasized the importance of enhancing transparency and organization in the secondary curriculum development and implementation process.
- Focused on ensuring teachers have sufficient resources and addressing potential concerns within the Social Studies curriculum, the Board advocates for comprehensive, robust, and provincially approved resources.
- CASS will continue to advocate for a more collaborative approach with the Ministry and supports the timely availability of resources for effective piloting.

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Retiring Members - Messaging Regarding Status of Accreditation Completion

- Retiring members must complete annual accreditation to retire "in good standing" and transition to Life Membership.
- Retaining the status of being a "member in good standing" requires maintained certification, paid dues, and fulfilling the College's accreditation requirements.
- The information will be further explained for clarification within in an upcoming edition of CASS Connects.

Lifting ATRF Cap on Employment Time with School Authorities

- The lifting of the ATRF Cap, as proposed by a school authority in Zone 6, received mixed support across zones.
- While some zones supported the idea, other zones raised concerns about potential impacts upon pensions, early retirements, and potential biases that would be created within hiring.
- Next suggested steps that have been offered to the school authority is to either pursue the issue through official CASS Bylaw provisions or to advocate matters pertaining to the topic independently with the Ministry.