



Continuing
Education
Program

CASS CEP Committee Meeting Highlights March 13, 2025

The purpose of the CASS Continuing Education Program Committee is to provide recommendations regarding the continuing education program to the Governance and Nominating Committee to recommend to the CASS Board of Directors.

Committee Membership 2024-2025

Chair:

Vincent Behm, Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools, CASS Board of Directors

Committee Members:

Kimberly Frykas, Grande Prairie Public School Division, Zone 1

Shauna Boyce, Parkland School Division, Zone 2/3

Dr. Ryan Sawula, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, Zone 4

Dr. Chris Fuzessy, Foothills School Division, Zone 5

Terri-Lynn Duncan, Horizon School Division, Zone 6

Wesley Oginski, Holden Rural Academy, Charter Schools

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☑ CEP Course Presentation: *Supporting Equity, Achievement, and Well-Being for Indigenous Student Success*

Dr. Dianne Roulson presented an overview of a new CEP course with a focus on SLQS Competency #5 – *Ensuring First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education for All Students* and LQS Competency #5 – *Supporting the Application of Foundational Knowledge about First Nations, Métis and Inuit*. The five course learning outcomes are that participants who take this course will:

- experience (in spirit, heart, body, and mind) safety, support, and learning in community with course participants.
- understand provincial grants received for Indigenous students.
- embody a renewed sense of leadership accountability for Indigenous students.
- relate the meaning of “never giving up” in the language of the local Elder or Knowledge Keeper to leadership actions for Indigenous student success.
- examine their own positionality in relation to leadership accountabilities.

The course description is as follows: *Participants will learn alongside an Elder/Knowledge Keeper, the course facilitators, and one another as they reflect on Indigenous student success. They will situate themselves in relation to their own context as they unpack assumptions and examine processes, data, and accountabilities for provincial funding received to support Indigenous students. They will have an opportunity to reflect on their own positionality and privilege and conditions required to carry the experiences and stories of Indigenous youth with respect and care. They will learn from Indigenous thinkers and educators as they consider the outcomes of their collective efforts, leading to renewed commitment to action.*

The committee expressed appreciation for the depth and intentionality of the course design. They offered praise for how the course is woven together with care and ethical grounding. And the committee expressed recognition of the collaborative and relational process used in course creation.

☑ Feedback from the Governance & Nominating Committee (GNC)

In March, the GNC received the update from the CEP committee. The GNC expressed appreciation for the CEP committee's work. They acknowledged the committee's valuable role as a sounding board for each of the Continuing Education Program (CEP) courses, and no additional feedback was provided beyond that of appreciation.

☑ Update from Conference Planning Committee (CPC)

This CPC introduced a “welcome to new members” table at the Annual Conference, revised the 2025 Summer Conference schedule, and are now focused on 2025-26 conferences discussing trends, topics, and the potential for a keynote speaker. A new survey question was added to the Annual Learning Conference feedback survey to gather member input on potential keynote speakers. The committee will meet in April to review the survey results.

☑ Additional Items

- The CEP committee provided guidance and feedback on the final section of the annual CEP Survey. This 10-minute survey will open to regulated members in October 2025.
- The CEP committee provided input into the 2025-2026 Professional Learning Plan.
- The CEP committee received AP 305-Public Interest Disclosure - CEP Whistleblower Protection and Reporting, as an information item.

☑ Next Meeting

The next CEP committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.