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## Committee Holds Second Meeting

The School Administrators Issues and Concerns Committee (SAICC) held their inaugural meeting on June 13, 2005, at which time members identified issues facing administrators and began to prioritize SAICC's work for the 2005/06 school year. SAICC met again on September 26.

In June, Provincial Executive Council approved the disposition of recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel on the School Administrator. SAICC members reviewed the recommendations and noted the ones that Council wanted them to take the lead on. One such recommendation is "(5) that the Association review the involvement of school administrators in local and provincial Association structures, including governance, and take steps to ensure that there are no external barriers to their involvement." In response to this, the Committee established

two priorities:

1. To develop a better understanding of the school administrator role within and outside the Association, including an examination of the Council on School Administration and of SAICC.
2. To develop a protocol that defines the role of administrators in the bargaining unit.

Staff have been asked to gather preliminary information for the next meeting, which will focus on the involvement of administrators in locals.

The committee also had the opportunity to comment on the work being done by Alberta Education's Principal Standards Committee. The Association representative on this committee is Jacquie Skytt, coordinator of Professional Development, who is also on the SAICC. She will convey SAICC's comments to the Principal Standards Committee.

## Association Administrator Instructors Meet

On October 14 and 15 the Association Administrator Corps met to further develop their skills in the delivery of programs for administrators. This volunteer group of practising administrators delivers workshops and presentations on topics such as professional learning communities, and teacher growth, supervision and development. Corps members are also involved in program development.

This is the corps' second year. Members report tremendous benefits from the

opportunity to hone their skills and share their expertise with other administrators. For further information on the corps and for information on booking a workshop or presentation, contact Professional Development at 1-800-232-7208 (toll free in Alberta) or 447-9400 (in Edmonton).



# Council on School Administration Takes on New Responsibilities

The Blue Ribbon Panel recommended that the role of the Council on School Administration (CSA) be expanded to include the following:

- a. That the mandate of the CSA be expanded to include a role of clarifying school administrator provincial needs and concerns. The CSA will fill an important role in providing information to the new standing committee.
- b. That the CSA establish a professional development advisory committee to assist with the completion of a needs assessment

and articulation of professional development program priorities.

The CSA full executive met in August with Jacquie Skytt, coordinator of Professional Development, to examine professional development for administrators and to establish a long-range action plan. Work in this area continued at the meeting that took place during the Western Canada Educational Administrators Conference, which took place October 24–27 in Edmonton.

CSA members are invited to contact any member of the executive for further information and to provide input into this process.

## PR Tips for Principals

Two years ago, the Association sent each school principal a copy of the publication *PR Tips for Principals*. This handy reference book contains hundreds of practical tips and strategies that principals can use in their schools.

If you do not have a copy of this book, you may get one, **at no cost**, by calling Ian in Distribution at Barnett House at 1-800-232-7208 (toll free in Alberta) or 447-9400 (in Edmonton).

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