



Greetings OASBO Members

Items of interest from the October 2017 OASBO Board of Directors' and Standing Committee Chairs Meetings:

The OASBO Board of Directors and Committee Chairs held their semi-annual Joint Meeting with representation from all of OASBO's 18 Standing Committees.

The **2018 Annual Conference** theme is "*A Celebration of Success - Leaders of Tomorrow - Célébrons nos succès - Leaders de demain*". Four prominent speakers have been selected featuring Matt Jones, author of "Leadership is a Marathon" to present the keynote address; Nina Spencer, a TV Host and Voiceover Professional as Plenary; Dave Weber, bestselling author and co-creator of Chicken Soup of the Soul series as Plenary and Sebastien Sasseville, endurance athlete and bilingual speaker focusing on change management, humility and leadership as Closing speaker.

The draft framework for the **Student Information Workflow Advisory Committee (SIWAC)** was shared with the Board. This is a project headed by the OASBO ICT Committee and some of the highlighted recommendations include:

1. Continue the work of SIWAC in an advisory capacity and expand its mandate to launch a Continuous Service Improvement Initiative to streamline OnSIS
2. Provide OnSIS data and assist boards with research and analysis
3. Establish common data standards and business rules related to student information
4. Work collaboratively with ECNO to detail out requirements for a student management system (SMS) and prepare an RFP

The next meeting of **CANASBO** (meeting of Canadian Affiliate leaders) will be held on December 2-4, 2017 in Winnipeg. OASBO representatives will be President, Mark Connors and Vice President, Nathalie St-Pierre.

The Board was presented with an update on the **Mentorship Toolkit**, developed by the ICT Committee of OASBO. A sub-committee will pair volunteers - mentors and mentees (coaches and learners).



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A web environment will be developed and posted on the OASBO website explaining the steps and would be available to all OASBO members. This toolkit will be brought back to the February 2018 Joint meeting and it was suggested that the toolkit be adapted to apply to all Standing Committees.

Discussion took place on a proposed **OASBO Early Years Sub-Committee**. Currently, the Ministry is interested in the operation aspect such as leases and capital rather than the program side. The Planning Committee needs further direction on how this sub-committee will be created and supported. A collaborative workshop session such as round table discussions could be held at the OASBO Annual General Meeting.

The topic of **Pupil Accommodation** was briefly discussed. Ministry mentioned after feedback closes in December there are going to be two subcommittees to review the feedback and new guidelines. Planning Committee is hoping to represent OASBO on the technical committee reviewing the draft guidelines.

A request from the Ministry of Education was received by OASBO regarding **Engagement on Governance Support**. Comments and suggestions will be sent to Mark Connors and a response will be submitted by Mid-November.

Further review will be made of the current OASBO **By-laws** regarding the commitment, roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. This will be a topic of discussion at the May 2018 Annual General Meeting.

An update on the **PIM Network (Privacy & Information Management)** was received. The IMPAC Committee, at its June meeting agreed that a manager will be needed and areas such as communication, privacy, information management and research could be addressed. It was suggested that the OASBO website host the PIM site in the future for access by all, not only OASBO members.

Sincerely,

Mark Connors
OASBO President

OASBO is a member-driven organization, committed to building Ontario's provincially-funded education system through strong and efficient administration.

L'OASBO est un organisme piloté par ses membres et engagé à bâtir le système d'éducation financé par la province de l'Ontario à l'aide d'une administration solide et efficace.

Dean Currie offered the Joint meeting participants an update on **Efficiency and Effectiveness** current projects and process to apply for funding. The projects objective is to identify, study, develop and promote the effective and efficient utilization of financial and non-financial resources of school boards. Projects include finance, employee benefits, operations maintenance and green school initiatives.

An update on **CAEAS-ECAB** was presented. At the recent meeting of the Ministry, Trustees and Principals and Vice-Principals Association discussions took place on the actual trust agreement.