

Acadian Programming Committee End of Year Report 2008-2009

Mandate

The mandate of the Acadian Planning Committee (Comité de programmation acadienne) is to: study educational programming and proposed changes that may affect Acadian schools; make recommendations to the provincial Executive Committee; inform Acadian teachers about trends and innovations in programming; make appropriate recommendations on resolutions presented to the AGM; and participate, as needed, in the study of NSTU policies by making recommendations to be studied by the provincial executive committee.

Members / Meetings

Angèle d'Entremont (chair), Ian Comeau, Stéphanie Dionne, Nadine Doiron, Stéphanie Moreau, Samuel Samson, and executive staff member Gérard Cormier all served on this committee, which met three times during the 2008-2009 school year: on October 6, February 15 and June 8. Clifford Maillet, member of the provincial executive, was supposed to sit on the committee but could not attend the meetings because his school board did not give him permission to do so.

Visits

Each of the committee's meetings received a visitor. Gilles LeBlanc, the Department's Director of Acadian and French Language Services, spoke to the committee on October 6. He discussed the creation of a document titled *Plan pour les services en français 2008-2009 (French Language Services Plan 2008-2009)*. CSAP's Director of Services and Programs, Mr. Michel Comeau, also attended one of the meetings. During his visit, he answered questions regarding the following study programs: Social Studies 8, Mathematics 10, French 10, Science 10, Technology 8 and 9, and the courses in the Co-op program. He also dealt with the subject of literacy and math test results. Finally, he gave us an update on CSAP and on some of the coming changes: the *Grandir en français* program and updating the website. At the last meeting of the school year, Gérard Allain, CSANE representative on the Curriculum Committee, came to give a summary of their meetings in 2008-2009. The committee believes it is important to maintain these connections between the two committees and wants this exchange to happen each year.

Activities

The committee became familiar with the document *Plan pour les Services en français du Ministère pour 2008-2009 (Departmental French Language Services Plan 2008-2009)*. The committee also decided to continue developing a survey to be sent to CSAP teachers in autumn 2009. The committee suggested that the survey should be short and simple, consisting of a maximum of one page of closed-ended questions. Tanya Comeau, evaluation consultant for CSAP, sent the committee a request for candidates to sit on an

advisory committee on evaluation. The committee appointed Ian Comeau as candidate. Finally, the committee received copies of the four latest published surveys on education in minority francophone communities published by the CTF.

Recommendations

The committee suggests that Mr. Samuel Samson chair the Acadian Programming Committee for 2009-2010. Mr. Cormier will notify the nominating committee in this regard.

Budget

The budget for 2008-2009 was \$7,329.00. As of June 30, 2009, the amount spent was:

Angèle d'Entremont, Chair
Acadian Programming Committee
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