

**Acadian Curriculum Committee  
(Comité de programmation acadienne)  
2009-2010 Year-end Report**

Terms of reference

The Acadian Curriculum Committee's (Comité de programmation acadienne) terms of reference are to study the curriculum and proposed changes where these affect Acadian schools, submit recommendations to the Provincial Executive, inform Acadian teachers of curriculum trends and innovations, make suitable recommendations on resolutions referred to the Annual Council, and participate as required in NSTU policy review by providing recommendations for study by the Provincial Executive.

Members / Meetings

Samuel Samson (Chair), Angèle d'Entremont, Gisèle Comeau-DeCoursey, Nadine Doiron, Denise d'Entremont, Stéphanie Dionne, Clifford Maillet (Provincial Executive) and Gérard Cormier (staff officer) sat on the Committee, which met three times in 2009-2010: 19 October, 22 January and 28 May.

Survey and findings

During the year, the Committee conducted a survey of CSANE members to determine its importance and visibility among this group. The following questions and findings provide direction for the incoming Committee members:

Are you aware of the Committee? 37% said yes

Do you know the people who sit on the Committee? 10% said yes

Are you familiar with the Committee's terms of reference? 17% said yes

Are there elements of the curriculum that should be reviewed by the CSAP? 83% said yes

There is very serious work to be done promoting this committee.

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The Committee has been informed that the pilot program has now ended and that all the employees working in the curriculum section at the Department of Education (French section) are now CSAP employees and CSANE members. The Provincial Executive has accepted the Committee's proposals and has changed its terms of reference to reflect this new reality.

Guests

During the year, the Committee hosted several guests. Gilles LeBlanc, Director, Acadian French-language Services at the Department, spoke to the Committee on 28 May. He discussed the new five-day calendar set up for the province and the new computerized Student Information System (SIS) that will replace the Dadavan system. It will be piloted this year in the NDA, École secondaire de Clare and École secondaire du Sommet

schools. Three consultants will also be on site for each region, with the CPRP. He also discussed with the Committee the issue of the French placement test (grade 11) conducted by USA as well as the Arts Education position. He answered several questions about new programs such as Yoga, Healthy Active Living, Mathematics 10, etc.

Tanya Comeau, assessment consultant for CSAP, also attended the Committee's meeting on 28 May. She used a PowerPoint presentation to inform Committee members about:

- The Assessment Committee's terms of reference;
- The Assessment Committee's vision;
- The timelines.

The Committee has suggested inviting Cyrille Camus to the first meeting in the fall. He is responsible for setting up the new computerized system (SIS).

### Activities

The Committee learned about new developments at CTF and studied the submissions to the 2010 Annual Council. Samuel Samson attended the Annual Council as Chair and joined the other committee chairs for the "open house" session at which the committees explained their terms of reference to those present.

### Recommendations

The Committee proposes Denise d'Entremont to chair the Acadian Curriculum Committee for 2010-2011. Mr. Cormier will notify the Nominating Committee.

### Budget

The budget for 2009-2010 was \$6,615.00. As of 30 June 2010, expenditures amounted to \$4,607.90.

Samuel Samson, Chair  
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