

# ASCA Member Discussion Forum Summary

## 2021 Annual Conference

### Curriculum

### ASCA Member Perspectives

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- I'd like to see it re-written with more collaboration from stakeholders. There are a lot of resources and research already completed that can be leveraged. Curriculum to me, needs to build on past curriculums so children aren't left in education limbo.
- And personally, I think French immersion needs to be available and included in the curriculum to all schools, regardless of their geographic location.
- I like some of the information coming in on money and so kids can equate math and money.... the social curriculum needs a ton of work though. Some of the concepts are way out there for the younger ones
- I have a real concern with the use of the words "sacrifices of Indigenous peoples". This is very telling. And very upsetting.
- I'd like to have the feedback received on the draft curriculum shared publicly. Can the Minister please commit to that?
- The lack of cohesion between grade levels is very problematic. Also, live unreferenced editing of the curriculum is not transparent. I don't want a crowd sourced curriculum for Alberta Students.
- Teachers who 'provided feedback' for 3 days as part of the process had to sign NDAs. My question is: how is that transparent?
- I'd like to know why the Minister continued to employ known racists as curriculum advisers when their racism was brought to light?
- I would have appreciated the minister practicing her speech to ensure she was under the time limit & was able to honor the live Q&A that ASCA had discussed and planned for...my question is how do we move forward with so many stakeholders less than impressed? Take 2?
- I want to know what was wrong with the curriculum that Mr. Eggen had in play. He spent years working with teachers across Alberta for his. Many task forces. One of our teachers helped work on the curriculum. It was the best one. More hand-on learning, less in-class stuck in desk.
- I agree. Q and A should have been honored.
- Very frustrated that no Q & A was allowed. I am really shocked at how ill at ease this Minister has been in the different ASCA meetings she has spoke at. I work in health and have seen numerous Ministers address crowds.
- Do you think that was planned on her part?
- I did not pay attention, but I noticed that CTV Edmonton appeared at some point. That may have influenced the decision.
- Also - why was the chat disabled for the Minister's speech? It was not disabled otherwise. I do not like this.
- Some were asking for a copy of the transcript of Minister Lagrange's speech. Here's a draft transcript made with Ai <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tIbVDMeM0J604eDcGxHG2l6wIWITZNDs4j4rz3mwDQY/edit?usp=sharing>
- Was a recording made of the meeting?
- I did not like that either, but do think it was a wise decision by ASCA. She wouldn't have had time to address the number of comments headed her direction today, and the comment section of any live stream can (unfortunately) be largely disrespectful and full of misinformation.
- How confident are you in the accuracy of this transcript/translation?
- No Ai transcription is perfect but the technology itself has improved significantly in recent years. I'd suggest wait for the official transcript if you are looking for the perfect version.
- Yes, I've noticed a couple of small errors already (closing - Brandi did not call the Minister "master") so we need to be careful in assuming this is the 'genuine' word coming from the Minister.
- Wendy why was the chat disabled for the Minister's speech?
- Thank you! I was hoping to get one.

- Did the Minister request that the chat be disabled?
- I was very disappointed that the Education Minister chose to use her time to address 2 "media concerns" as oppose to having a discussion, answering questions and actually informing us.
- She ended at exactly 30 minutes, she could have answered another question with the amount of time she was talking about dry rooms.
- I was very disappointed that the Education Minister chose to use her time to address 2 "media concerns" as oppose to having a discussion, answering questions and actually informing us. It seemed very planned on her part to end at the 30 minute mark.
- She did not appear to understand the audience. I felt a little bit disrespected. I have followed the funding announcements and didn't need a review.
- I also am concerned about many parts of the curriculum and the lack of input from key Alberta stakeholders and - most importantly - educators.
- This is the second session I've attended where chat was disabled when the speaker started. It's almost like we don't want to hear the parent.
- In my experience, a transcript of the meeting will probably not be forthcoming.
- Very curious why anyone thinks it would be a good idea to release a full scope curriculum at any point, never mind doing so during an ongoing global pandemic where we are very much living with a yo-yo of in class and online learning and significant breaks in learning.
- I understand that several of the superintendents brought that point to the minister VERY strongly.
- I was thinking the same thing!
- I am disappointed that of the two AB ED staff assigned to lead engagement that neither one has an education background.
- Agreed! That was my thought as well. It fits though when you consider the make-up of the people who designed the curriculum.
- NDAs were required of those involved with creating the curriculum because they wanted to create a "safe space" for discussion.
- Boards that participate in the pilot will be given the opportunity to participate in Monthly live sessions and regular structured feedback. Boards that do not participate in the pilot may send feedback using other means.
- Regardless of what feedback is provided the new curriculum will become mandated to every school district across the province starting in Sep 2022.
- My understanding was that the Ministry was only willing to accept feedback through the online survey or through pilots. Boards refusing to participate would lose that opportunity.
- During the curriculum session, I had asked if the attendees were able to access the slide show. Is there somewhere I might be able to access that information.?
- In the Q&A it was clarified that any district can give feedback any time but the structured feedback and monthly sessions is reserved for piloting districts only.
- My understanding (based on a FB live discussion with Dr. Carla Peck) is that it is common practice for an NDA to be signed in these situations. This is not new.
- Good to know. Thanks for sharing!
- I was at the one Friday end of day but none since. (Capacity). I guess, isn't an NDA something where you can't talk about anything that happened? Surely there can be a code of confidentiality so no names are mentioned, etc, but people can give feedback and inform their communities?
- Good to know. Clearly I need to slow down and not get caught up in internet talking points.