

The outcomes of the committee will be to: mentor, inspire, celebrate, and increase representation of female leaders in education in Alberta school authorities by:

- Providing inspirational and mentorship-based initiatives;
- Creating a collegial professional learning network for female system leaders to meet, learn from and support one another;
- Learning together with Indigenous women in education leadership positions;
- Promoting awareness of gender equity research.

The committee shall include representatives from each zone and representatives from First Nations school authorities. Representatives shall be appointed for a term of two years and may be reappointed.

#### Committee Members 22-23

**Chair** – Laurie Kardynal (Zone 2/3)

#### Zone Representatives:

Kimberly Frykas (Zone 1)  
Cindy Escott (Zone 2/3)  
Rhae-Ann Holoien (Zone 2/3)  
Della Ruston (Zone 4)  
Kathleen Kostiuik (Zone 5)  
Katie Graham (Zone 6)

#### Indigenous Representative:

Cheryl Sheldon, Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council

#### Life Members:

Pam Rannelli  
Colleen Symyrozum-Watt  
Amber Darroch

#### CASS:

David Keohane – CEO

### CASS Women in Leadership Committee

The themes that will guide the CASS Women in Leadership (WiL) committee:

1. Communication & Engagement
2. Mentorship
3. Professional Learning
4. Research & Education
5. Partnerships & External Connection
6. Wellness

### CASS Women in Leadership Resources

The committee will share research, stories of practice, recommended articles and resources. If you have any recommendations, please forward them to: [kimberly.frykas@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:kimberly.frykas@gppsd.ab.ca)

### CASS Women in Leadership Initiatives

#### Dare to Lead

Michael McMann and Natalie Morris, from Fort Vermillion School Division facilitated Dare to Lead learning opportunity on February 9th and 10th, 2023.

Participants focused on four sets of skills that daring leadership requires: rumbling with vulnerability, living into our values, braving trust, and learning to rise.

#### WiL is on Twitter

Join our membership in celebrating and promoting Women in Leadership. The WiL committee can be found on Twitter @CASSWiLAlberta. Follow us as we continue to share stories of inspirational women. #CASSWiLAlberta #inspirationalwomen

**Zone Updates:** WiL updates will be provided by Zone representatives at Zone CASS meeting.

### CASS Connection Fall 2022

#### Promoting Female Leaders in Alberta School Authorities: CASS Women in Leadership Committee.

Della Ruston, CASS discusses the role of the Women in Leadership (WiL) ad hoc committee in supporting CASS' Strategic Goal 2: Leadership Capacity through advocacy and collaborative learning opportunities. [CASS-Connection-Fall-2022.pdf](#)

#### International Women's Day

#### March 8, 2023 – Every Woman Counts

The [Government of Canada's](#) 2023 theme is "a reminder that all women, from all ages and walks of life, have a place in every aspect of Canadian society." Help us celebrate the women in your professional and personal lives on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

@CASSWiL#inspirationalwomen

Learn more about inspiring Canadian women and gender equality in Canada: Explore the [Women of Impact in Canada](#) gallery and the [Women in Canadian History: A Timeline](#) showcasing the achievements of Canadian women in various fields such as politics, sciences, and the arts. Consult the [Gender equality timeline](#) for an overview of gender equality milestones in Canada.

#### Lean in Circle – Making Connections

#### March 7, 2023, from 12:00pm–1:00pm

Join us online to celebrate International Women's Day. You will have an opportunity to network with colleagues through a series of connection questions learning through each other's ideas, experiences, and support! [Registration Link](#)