

ARPDC Report – Spring 2023

The **ARPDC Annual report and Annual Plan** were presented at the January CASS Provincial Board meeting and approved.

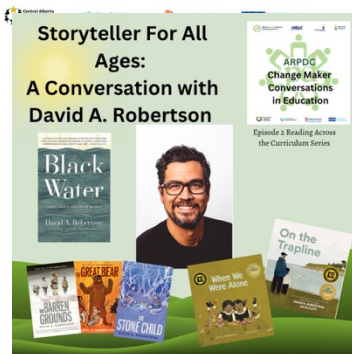
ARPDC is developing an **Assurance Framework** that will be implemented in January of 2024 and guide the creation of the ARPDC Annual Plan for the 2024/2025 school year. ARPDC will be seeking feedback on the proposed framework through the Provincial Advisory Committee and through Regional Advisory Committee meetings in the spring of 2023.

The seven offices are working to make resources and learning opportunities more readily available across the province. To that end the **ARPDC website** (www.arpdc.ab.ca) is being updated and content is more actively being added and maintained.

The **New Curriculum Resource Website** on the ARPDC website is live online and resources are being added regularly. All curriculum supports currently on any of our regional websites are being added to this one site available to all in the province.



ARPDC Podcast Channel – our goal is one podcast episode every two weeks. One theme is the Reading Across the Curriculum Series hosted by Rick Gilson (SAPDC) and Charlie Kraig (LNEs). The series features conversations focused on all aspects of reading and writing with some of the conversations hitting on assessment in those areas. We invite you to subscribe. **Searching ARPDC Change Maker Conversations on Apple, Google or Spotify will bring you to the podcast.**



We have connected the authors of Valley of the Birdtail with the organizers of the upcoming First Nations, Métis and Inuit Gathering in Edmonton where they will provide a keynote address. ARPDC is also able to assist divisions in receiving discounts on bulk purchases of this important book on Canada's history and the Truth and Reconciliation process. **Check out our podcast with the authors.**



Regionally and provincially curriculum implementation and the priorities of School Divisions continue to be supported. **Provincial (and where feasible) regional advisory committees are being struck to support Science, Fine Arts, and Social Studies** hosted by ARPDC ED's building on the model in place for English Language Arts and Literature/Literacy, Mathematics/Numeracy and Physical Education and Wellness. These committees focus on curriculum implementation and resource development and support.

All regional offices – especially outside of Edmonton and Calgary are reporting challenges with substitute teacher availability, impacting session attendance outside of professional learning days on the calendar. We welcome all opportunities to provide support live or asynchronous to best meet your identified needs.