

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Education	
Title of Travel	Atlantic Rim Collaboratory (ARC) Summit	
Location	Cardiff, Wales	
Date(s)	September 10 - 16, 2019	
Participants	Honourable Gordon Wyant, Q.C, Minister of Education Rob Currie, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education Julie Leggott, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Education	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the Atlantic Rim Collaboratory (ARC) Summit	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$8,490.93
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)		\$258.47
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		(paid by ARC)
Accommodation (Amsterdam due to delayed flight, connection missed) Minister Wyant		\$200.40
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$1,004.25
Conference & Registration Fees		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, and other sundry expenditures)		\$806.40
Subtotal		\$10,760.45
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$10,760.45

Overview of Travel and Objectives

In 2019, the Ministry of Education joined the Atlantic Rim Collaboratory (ARC). ARC membership includes: Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Scotland, Uruguay, Wales, and the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan, as well as leaders from both the International Confederation of Principals and Education International. There were a number of other participants, including the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and other jurisdictions who are pursuing ARC membership.

A requirement of the membership is to represent our province and engage with partners at an annual summit. Along with the Ministry of Education officials, the Saskatchewan delegation included representatives from:

- Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation;
- Saskatchewan School Boards Association; and
- Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations

Together, ARC systems:

- reaffirm and clarify core values, share policies and practices that represent them;
- coach and mentor each other on how to implement policies that represent these values;
- visit schools and classrooms in the host country to see these values at work; and
- engage with and get feedback from international experts and thought leaders.

Meetings and consultations occurred with eight nations. Delegates from ministries of education and professional organizations collaborated with international experts and thought leaders around two strategic issues:

- the future of assessment and responsibility; and
- the leadership of change across an education system.

Travel Activity:

The Summit was an opportunity to look in depth at the Welsh education system and to discuss the Welsh National Mission, which is aiming to transform education across the country, its villages, towns, and increasingly diverse cities.

As part of the summit, each delegate was selected to be part of a small group of four to seven people to visit a school predetermined by the ARC Secretariat. Schools included primary, secondary, Welsh and English medium schools. It involved meeting with the school's senior management team, participating in a school walkthrough and observing school activities.

The delegation attended presentations by different jurisdictions including Iceland, Nova Scotia, and Scotland on the strengths and weaknesses of their current assessment system as it applies in the classroom.

A panel discussion was attended on different ways of making assessment and responsibility work. The panel members included: Pasi Sahlberg, Beatriz Pont, Yngve Lindvig and Alta van Heerden.

The delegation attended presentations by jurisdictions including: Saskatchewan, Ireland and Uruguay on the strengths and weaknesses of their current responsibility and accountability system from the whole system perspective. Two presentations by Finland and Wales were also attended on the strengths and weaknesses of how their education system leads change. The final part of the summit was to discuss moving forward into a second phase of the ARC partnership.