



Transportation

After actively advocating for adequate transportation funding in 2016-17, the School Board will receive from the ministry close to \$500,000 for the CSNO to purchase buses to run its own transportation service at École Héritage. In addition, the CSNO will receive an annual school transportation supplement to address the challenges and the deficit in school transportation. These investments will enable the CSNO to stabilize the transportation budget.

The CSNO will begin managing school transportation at École Héritage in January 2018.

2016-2017 Annual Education Results Report 2017-2020 Three Year Plan

The Board adopted the 2016-2017 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) and the 2017-2020 Three Year Education Plan. The AERR Summary Report was also submitted.

The documents are available at www.csno.ab.ca.

2016-2017 Audited Financial Statement

Mr. Michel Sylvain, auditor with Sylvain & Co., presented the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2017. The 2016-2017 fiscal year ended with a deficit of \$24 700.

The projected 2016-17 budget deficit was greatly reduced due to control of infrastructure and transportation expenditures, but most notably because some positions were not filled during the year.

2017-2018 Budget

The 2017-2018 Fall Budget Update was adopted, based on expected revenues of \$10,160,793 and expenses of \$10,143,620 with an anticipated surplus of \$17,173.

The elimination of the deficit (since the budget adopted in May) is due in part to the increase in the enrolment (+ 2.4%), but mostly to the gains

made following negotiations with the Minister of Education to resolve the transportation deficit.

Conferences

School trustees attended several conferences in recent months:

- ♦ FNCSF Conference – Oct. 21, 22 & 23 (Ottawa)
- ♦ FCSFA AGM – Nov. 19,
- ♦ ASBA FGM and Conference – Nov. 19, 20 & 21.

The Trustees highlighted the awards received during these meetings: Mrs. Chantal Monfette, outgoing Trustee, received the Jean-Robert Gauthier award from the FNCSF and Marcel Lizotte, former Superintendent, received the Joseph-Forget award from the FCSFA.

Communication

In order to raise awareness within the school communities, Trustees will be participating in school council meetings throughout the year.

Locally developed course

The School Board adopted the locally developed course "Leadership AAA" for its high school programming for September 1, 2018, to August 30, 2020.

Superintendent's Report

Provincial Achievement Tests - school schedule

In June 2017, the ministry announced that the dates for administering the Grade 6 and Grade 9 PATs will be identified locally. In order to respect the activities and needs of our three schools, principals developed the Grade 6 and Grade 9 performance testing schedule for their school. The Superintendent has approved these schedules and the schools will share the dates with parents.



Reorganization at the DEF

A summary of the topics discussed at the November 21st meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister Heather Caltagirone and the francophone Superintendents was presented, including the reorganization at the Department of Francophone Education (DEF). The new structure divides francophone officials in the different departments rather than grouping them together. The ministry is confident that this new formula will enhance francophone presence in the ministry, but francophone Superintendents, who were not consulted, are worried about the repercussions of this reorganization.

High School Loyalty Project (FCSFA)

Since all francophone schools with a high school have difficulty retaining students at these levels, the FCSFA will "explore relevant data and identify best practices for student retention in French-language schools". A call for tenders has been made for this project. The CSNO is pleased to collaborate with the FCSFA in this high school loyalty project.

Christmas celebrations in our schools

Trustees and the community are invited to the Christmas celebrations in our schools. These will take place:

- ◆ École Nouvelle Frontière - December 20 (Concert at 5:50 pm)
- ◆ École des Quatre-Vents - December 21 (Concert at 6:30 pm)
- ◆ École Héritage - December 20 (Mass at 9am at Falher church)
- ◆ École Héritage - December 21 (Lunch 11:30 am, Concert at 1 pm)

Invitation

The public is invited to attend the School Board meetings. Items may be added to the agenda by contacting Rachele Bergeron, Corporate Secretary, at 780-624-8855 or 1-866-624-8855. **NB - Please note that Board meetings are held in French.**

**The next school board meeting will be held
January 24, 2018, at 1:30 pm at École Héritage in Falher**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 23 – Jan. 7
January 8

CHRISTMAS BREAK – All
Back to school – ÉQV
PD Day – ÉNF / ÉH

