



Presentation

The CSNO held its regular meeting at École Nouvelle Frontière (ÉNF) and the School Council was invited to present a report. Madame Geneviève Savard and madame Béatriz Breuls de Tiecken presented a report of the School Council's activities, successes and challenges. Further, the Council also shared some concerns regarding recruitment and retention of staff and students, communication with parents and professional development support for teachers. Trustees and School Council members discussed various solutions and strategies.

2017-2018 School Calendar

The Board adopted the school calendars for the next school year. Important dates include:

August 29	First Day – STAFF
August 30	CSNO Staff Day
September 5	First Day – STUDENTS
Dec 23 to Jan. 7	Christmas Break - ALL
March 30 to Apr. 8	Spring Break - ALL
June 27	Last day - GRADES 1 - 9
June 28	Last day - GRADES 10 - 12
June 29	Last day – STAFF

School calendars are available at: www.csno.ab.ca

2017-2018 Preliminary Budget

The Treasurer presented the draft budget for the 2017-2018 school year. The CSNO will meet with the Minister of Education in order to address the lack of funding in school transportation.

2018-2021 Capital Plan

The School Board will communicate its disappointment to the Ministry of Education regarding the fact that École des Quatre-Vents was not part of the 2017 list of capital projects. The CSNO has prioritized the modernization of the school since 2006. The state of the building requires major repairs and does not meet the requirements of K to 12 programming.

Transportation - ÉQV

The Board reviewed the analysis conducted for the project of an autonomous transportation for École des Quatre-Vents (EQV), as well as the results of the online survey sent to EQV parents. The results of the consultation show that the majority of parents are in agreement with an autonomous service. It also clearly shows the concerns of parents regarding this project.

Although the project is still feasible, several factors influence the decision to go ahead with a CSNO managed transportation service for EQV. Notably, current negotiations with the Minister of Education regarding the school transportation deficit. The School Board therefore recommended hold off on the decision for an autonomous transportation for EQV and continue its discussion with the Minister for a stable and balanced transportation budget. More information will be sent to EQV parents to address some of the parents concerns and further explain the purpose of the project.

Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards

The CSNO is now a member of the « Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards ». This caucus of boards with rural schools aims to have a stronger voice with government authorities regarding common issues that affect rural schools.

Bill 1 - School Fees

According to Bill 1, the Government of Alberta will compensate school boards for school and bussing fees that were being charged to parents. Since the CSNO has never charged transportation fees to parents and only minimal school fees, the CSNO will receive a negligible amount in compensation. The Board considers that the choice to take on the costs, instead of transferring them to parents, should be taken into account and that the School Board should be compensated in the same way as other boards that chose to charge parents. The CSNO will send a letter to the Minister to share its concerns regarding Bill 1.



St-Isidore School District #5054 Archives

At its establishment in March 1994, the Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest N°1 worked in close collaboration with the District scolaire de Saint-Isidore #5054, who until then had taken on the role to develop, promote and defend francophone education, particularly in the Peace River region. Further, it is under the District scolaire de Saint-Isidore #5054's authority that École Héritage, the first rural Francophone regional school in Alberta, was created in 1988.

At its dissolution in August 1994, the District scolaire de Saint-Isidore #5054 handed all its duties and responsibilities in education and French-language school governance to the newly formed Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest N°1. As a result, the CSNO also inherited all the District's legal and administrative documents.

In order to make accessible this important historical information to the public and to ensure the sustainability of the archives, the School Board approved the transfer of the District scolaire de Saint-Isidore #5054 archives to the Alberta Archives in Edmonton.

Acknowledgement of FNMI Territories

The CSNO will add the acknowledgement of First Nations territories to its administrative procedure for all official meetings and ceremonies.

INVITATION

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

**The next Board meeting will be held
May 17, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.
École des Quatre-Vents (Peace River)**

DATES TO REMEMBER :

April 7	PD Day – ÉQV
April 10 -17	Spring BREAK - ÉQV
April 14	Good Friday – HOLIDAY
April 17	Easter Monday - HOLIDAY
April 14 -21	Spring BREAK – ÉNF
May 17	CSNO Board Meeting (11 am at ÉQV)