



Presentation

The School Board welcomed the chair of École des Quatre-Vents school council, Mrs. Julia Martin, as well as the principal, Mr. Dominique Jean. Mrs. Martin presented a report of the school council's activities. Mrs. Martin indicated that the school council is quite active, despite the difficulty in recruiting new members. Some of the successes highlighted include the hot lunch program, improved communication with parents, and the successful launch of the school's endowment fund. Mrs. Martin indicated that the parents were delighted with the project to build a new school and warmly thanked the School Board on behalf of the parents for the work and efforts on all levels to make this happen. She emphasized that the school community is eager to move ahead with the project.

The School Board confirmed its intent and engagement in ensuring that the school replacement project best meets the needs of the community. In addition, although the CSNO has not yet received information concerning the implementation of the project, it is noted that the school council will be called upon to participate in the planning process.

Reappointment of the Superintendent

The CSNO has received approval from the Ministry of Education for the reappointment of Mrs. Brigitte Kropielnicki as Superintendent of Schools, from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2025. The Trustees congratulated Mrs. Kropielnicki for the renewal of her appointment.

Mrs. Kropielnicki has been the Superintendent of Schools for the CSNO since May 1, 2016.

2021-2024 Capital Plan

The School Board approved the 2021-2024 Capital Plan. The priorities of the plan are:

1. **École Heritage Modernization / Renovation**
2. **New (second) elementary school in Grande Prairie.**

2020 Provincial Budget

The CSNO's preliminary 2020-2021 budget, proposed by the Minister of Education as part of the 2020 provincial budget, was presented and discussed. Although the new budget structure has certain advantages for the School Board, several shortcomings or decreases in funding are worrisome, particularly with regard to: the specific mandate of French-language education, special needs, maintenance and the limits of the administrative budget.

The administration will meet with the ministry on March 23rd to review and question the CSNO's 2020-2021. The Board will advocate for adequate funding on the basis of Francophone equivalence.

Cancellation of trip to Peru

Due to the coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19) which is affecting almost all the countries of the world, including Peru, the School Board has withdrawn its support for the humanitarian trip to Peru organized by the Heritage School from March 19 to 29, 2020.

Election Wards Modification

The Board adopted in three readings a bylaw to amend the electoral wards within the education region, effective for the next school elections in 2021. This change aims to improve representation in the regions and facilitate the nomination and election process. From now on, the nomination and election of members will be done as follows:

- One (1) **separate** member is elected for Ward 1 (Peace River region) by the separate electors in Ward 1;
- One (1) **separate** member is elected for ward 2 (Falher region) by the separate electors in ward 2;
- One (1) **public** member is elected for ward 3 (Grande Prairie region) by the public electors of ward 3;
- One (1) **separate** member is elected for ward 3 (Grande Prairie region) by the separate electors in ward 3;
- One (1) **public** member is elected for ward 4 by public electors in ward 1 and 2.



Personal Electronic Devices

The Board received a request from École Heritage School Council to evaluate the issue regarding the use of personal electronic devices by students in the classroom. An analysis of the situation will be carried out.

Alberta Rural Symposium 2020

Trustees Roger Tremblay and Mario Paradis attended the Alberta Rural Symposium on March 2 and 3 in Edmonton. They appreciated the various presentations, regarding such matters as: the importance of being open to global connections; stress in rural areas; student health and the importance of developing a sense of community and indispensability of rural schools in their communities.

GPRC Installation Ceremony

Trustee Mario Paradis and the Superintendent, Brigitte Kropielnicki attended the installation ceremony of the new President and CEO of Grande Prairie Regional College on March 6th in Grande Prairie.

Agreement with Children Services

The CSNO's agreement with Children Services for Les Petits Boucs daycare (fees of \$ 25 per day) has been renewed for 2020-2021, the final year of this three-year agreement. Children Services communicated to the administration that Les Petits Boucs daycare is a great example of a well-run daycare center.

Policies

The Board revised and adopted policies 2, 3 and 6. In addition, a new policy, Policy 18, Trustee Code of conduct, was adopted at first reading.

[\(See the policy manual and the new policy.\)](#)

Month of “La Francophonie”

Trustees participated in the Franco-Albertan flag raising celebrations that took place in each of the CSNO's schools. It was a great opportunity to showcase and share the vitality of our French-first-language school communities with guests, dignitaries, French-immersion friends and the community.

In addition, our schools carry out many special activities throughout the month of La Francophonie.

Administration Report

Staff Recruitment - This year again, recruiting teaching and support staff is proving difficult, as is the case with other boards.

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. Highlights of the Board meetings may be found on the School Board website.

**Regular Board meeting
April 23, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
(Central Office, St-Isidore)**