

2019-2020 Audited Financial Statement

On the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the School Board approved the financial statements for the school year ending August 31, 2020.

Following Mr. Michel Sylvain's (Sylvain & Co.) presentation of the financial statements to the audit committee on November 24, the chairman of the committee, Mr. Roger Tremblay, presented the recommendations report to the Board. It was pointed out that the 2019-2020 fiscal year ended with a surplus of \$ 184,811, with revenues of 10 \$ 257,767 and expenses of \$ 10,072,956. This surplus is partly due to the fact that positions could not be filled due to the pandemic and its effects on the 2019-2020 school year.

Financial statements are available [online](#).

The Board also adopted the recommendation of the audit committee for the choice of an external auditor. It was recommended that a call for tenders be opened for the selection of a new auditor since Sylvain & Co. informed the Board that it will no longer offer auditing services to the CSNO.

Mr. Sylvain announced that he will be retiring, and the Board expressed their gratitude for his services to the CSNO since 1992.

AERR 2019-2020

The 2019-2020 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) was adopted according to the Alberta government's new Assurance Framework process.

This report reflects the efforts and dedication of all stakeholders in the realization of the very special 2019-2020 school year, marked of course by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, it is evident that the CSNO is fortunate to have a team dedicated not only to ensuring quality education, but also ensuring the well-being of its students. The sustained work and collaboration of all towards the success and well-being of the students during these extraordinary and uncertain times has been remarkable.

In addition, it has been a year filled with successes on many levels. Notably, the Board is very satisfied with the overall 2019-2020 results: the CSNO received a *very high or high* performance in 11 of the 12 domains evaluated by the surveys.

The 2019-2020 AERR is available [online](#) (in French only).

CSNO 2020-2024 Education Plan

Trustees received a draft of the new 2020-2024 Education Plan. The plan will be submitted on December 7th instead of November 30th and the Board will approve the final version of the education plan at a special meeting.

The Education Plan will be available [online](#) (in French only).

Update - Schools in Times of Pandemic

In November, École Heritage had two confirmed cases of COVID-19. The Board administration handled the situation regarding the close contact tracing and isolation for these cases, pending communication from AHS. AHS followed up for the first case, but never contacted the School Board for the second case. Both situations were resolved without further confirmed cases. The Superintendent thanks the staff and the community of the École Heritage for their collaboration during this crucial situation.

The pandemic federal funds for schools are very helpful in meeting the additional costs of the products and resources required to put the health measures into practice. The provincial government also offers supports by providing various sanitary products.

The CSNO has ordered N-95 masks for use in case of illness and for some staff who would like to use them.

The Board Chair, Sylvianne Maisonneuve, sent a letter to all CSNO staff in appreciation of their efforts during the pandemic.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 26, 2020

Central Office, St. Isidore

NEW MEASURES: New measures were introduced by the Alberta government on November 24th to counter the spread of the pandemic. These measures modify the school operations surrounding the 2020 Christmas break (see the [press release](#)).

Depending on the next government announcements expected in mid-December, the Board will consider modifying the school calendar as needed.

ÉQV Construction Project

The recent meetings with the architects provided certain clarifications regarding the construction project. It was shown that the school property offers more space for the new school than originally thought. So, the current portable classes will not need to be removed during construction and there will be no problem adding portable classes in the future. The last update of the school plan was presented. The school plan is based on the concept of flexible teaching and allows for varied use of spaces according to the needs of students.

School Councils

Collaboration Day - The School Board invites the CSNO school councils to a collaboration day on January 28, 2021. The purpose of this day is to encourage leadership towards the development of the CSNO's educational project and to allow participants to identify and recognize each other's roles, priorities, and opportunities. This activity will take place in person if public health conditions permit.

Association of Francophone School Councils of Alberta - A new committee of the Francophone School Councils Chairs was created in the spring by the FPFA. This initiative aims to better represent the needs of francophone school councils.

2021 SCHOOL ELECTIONS

The Minister of Education has acknowledged receipt of the CSNO's new by-law #10.03.2020 for the modification of the CSNO's wards for the next school elections in October 2021.

The Board also received information regarding new measures in place in the *Education Act* and the *Local Authorities Election Act* that affect the 2021 school elections.

[See more information about the CNSO's wards and school elections](#) (in French only).

Out-of-province School Trips

A status of the out-of-province school trips that have been canceled or suspended due to the pandemic was provided:

- ◆ École Nouvelle Frontière canceled their trip to Quebec and was able to recover the funds committed.
- ◆ École des Quatre-Vents is in the process of suspending or canceling the planned trip to Quebec, according to the policies of the travel agency.
- ◆ École Heritage has suspended the trip to Peru until further notice. The proposed trip to Hooksum, BC (grade 10) might take place in June if the situation allows, if so, a new request will be made.

2020 Conferences and AGM

Trustees attended various annual conferences in recent months:

- ◆ FNCST Annual Conference and AGM, October 29 to 31
- ◆ ACSTA Conference and AGM, November 13 to 15
- ◆ FPFA AGM, November 14
- ◆ FCSFA AGM, November 15
- ◆ ASBA Conference and AGM, November 15-17

This year, the conference sessions and AGMs all took place remotely.

Christmas celebrations and concerts

Traditional school concerts and celebrations in our schools are canceled this year. However, schools will celebrate Christmas in their own way while respecting the hygiene measures in place.



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Administration Report

PLOÉ - The government updated their [website](#) which presents how Alberta is working to support, through funding from the Official Languages in Education Program (OLEP), French-language education in minority settings and the programs French as a second language. PLOÉ funding data. This transparency and openness of government are greatly appreciated by all.

BOARD INSURANCE - The Board's ASBIE insurance ended October 31, 2020 and the new insurance, through Foster Park, came into force on November 1, 2020 and is in place till October 31, 2021. The insurance costs for 2020 -2021 will be \$ 147,000 compared to \$ 188,000 in 2019-2020. A reminder that in 2018-2019, insurance costs increased by approximately 140%.

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.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be accessible to the public by teleconference. For connection instructions, please call the School Board office at 780-624-8855.

The next Board meeting will be held
January 14, 2021, at 2 p.m.
Central Office (St-Isidore)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 23 – Jan. 3	<u>CHRISTMAS BREAK – All</u>
January 4	PD Day –ALL
January 5 - 8	At home learning PreK – 12