



Board Highlights - CSNO meeting held on April 22, 2021

St. Isidore

PRESENTATION

ÉCOLE NOUVELLE FRONTIÈRE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Board welcomed the President of École Nouvelle Frontière School Council, Michelle Scarrow, and the Principal, Mrs. Dena Boucher-Moon. This year, because of the pandemic, the School Council is finding different strategies to support students and families: a Christmas cookbook for families, an "environmental" project for students and a year-end gift for families. The School Council also pointed out that the pandemic has made it more difficult to recruit new parents.

There has been good promotion for the 2021-2022 school year, however it would also be advantageous for recruitment and retention at the high school levels to find practical and innovative solutions for the provision of courses to small classes.

The School Council members were thanked for their commitment and for engaging in open and ongoing communication.

2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

The Board received the draft 2021-2022 budget. There are few changes in revenues and the preliminary budget shows a deficit. The CSNO 2021-2022 Budget will be approved at the next meeting on May 27, 2021.

Update - EQV Construction

Although new plans and permits need to be developed because of the new funding of \$1.5 million received from Canadian Heritage, Alberta Infrastructure wishes to maintain the construction schedule so that construction starts this fall. A reminder that this grant will add a preschool/daycare space and a multi-purpose community space.

The Board is committed to supporting the project to ensure that the multi-purpose community space is located in an optimal location for school operations.

New plans and timelines will be communicated as soon as possible.

Draft Curriculum (K to 12)

The four francophone school boards have decided to not pilot the draft K to 12 curriculum. The FCSFA will advocate on behalf of francophone boards to ensure that Alberta Education addresses their dissatisfaction with the new curriculum, as well as other equivalency needs of Francophone education. The FCSFA will request that a temporary committee be established, to address this issue and to re-establishing a structure like the DÉF.

2021 School Elections

New eligibility criteria for francophone school trustees will soon be adopted to allow more people to run in the 2021 school elections. The Minister of Education announced on April 19 that Bill 68, the Election Statutes Amendment Act, has been introduced in the Legislative Assembly. *"Bill 68 includes changes to the Education Act that will allow for expanded eligibility criteria for trustees in francophone regional authorities. These expanded criteria will be established under the authority of the Lieutenant Governor in Council (order in council). This is being done to correct what we have discovered to be overly restrictive eligibility requirements in the Education Act."* Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education

The FCSFA will provide virtual training for those interested in running for francophone school elections. This training will be offered to our school community in late May or early June.

2021 Census

Canadians will be called to fill out the population census in May 2021. A national and provincial campaign will inform the public that the 2021 census now includes questions related to the right to minority language education and to raise awareness of the importance of properly answering these questions.

The language data collected will have a great impact and will help to better identify Francophone



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education rights holders across the country and to promote the development of Francophone communities.

Administration Report

COVID Update – École des Quatre-Vents moved to at-home learning from April 23 to May 7, when more than 50% of staff and students were called to isolate due to several positive COVID-19 cases at the school.

The CSNO will participate in the rapid testing pilot project at Grande Prairie at École Nouvelle Frontière. All K to 12 students will be able to participate with parent consent. The start date of the program is not confirmed.

Invitation

NB - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CSNO will not hold face-to-face meetings. Until further notice, School Board meetings will be available to the public by teleconference. For login instructions, please contact 780-624-8855.

The public is invited to Board meetings and may have an item on the agenda by contacting Corporate Secretary, Rachele Bergeron, a week in advance at 780-624-8855 or 1-866-624-8855.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 3 rd	No School - EQV
May 21	PD Day - ALL
May 24	Victoria Day - HOLIDAY
May 27	CSNO Meeting at 2 p.m.