



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS CSNO REGULAR MEETING - MAY 27, 2021 St-Isidore, AB

### Meeting with Dan Williams, MLA for Peace River

The School Board welcomed Mr. Dan Williams, Peace River MLA and his assistant, Angela Cobick for an informal discussion around the following topics.

**École des Quatre-Vents** - The Board thanked the Government of Alberta for its role in securing federal funding received for the École des Quatre-Vents new school construction.

**Draft Curriculum** - The Board expressed its concerns about the piloting of the new curriculum. It also expressed its appreciation that Alberta Education has agreed to collaborate with the working group created by the FCSFA to provide feedback on the curriculum. Mr. Williams assured the Board that Francophone education has an important place in the community and that he supports the CSNO in its efforts to provide feedback on the curriculum.

**Funding Model** - The Board highlighted the shortcomings of the funding model regarding the achievement of Francophone education equivalent to that of the majority and the respect of the rights to Francophone education requirements.

**Pandemic** - Mr. Williams indicated that his government is confident that there will be a normal return to school in the fall and to plan accordingly. The Board is concerned about the long-term consequences of the pandemic on students and staff and having adequate funding and resources to support their well-being and mental health. Resources will be made available to divisions, but the Board is concerned that these supports will not be available in French.

### 2020-2024 Education Plan - REVISED

The Board approved the “2021-2022” Education Plan Revision, based on the new 4-year Education Plan adopted in November 2020. The 2021-2022 Revision maintains the same main target areas and

goals, while the strategies have been revised. The plan’s success criteria will be assessed based on the results of Alberta Education surveys, as well as the school community surveys and consultations conducted by the Board during the year.

[See the Education Plan](#)

### 2020-2021 Budget

The Board approved the 2021-2022 budget with an anticipated deficit of \$555,000, based on revenues of \$ 10,726,938 and expenditures of \$ 11,276,374. This budget will make it possible to maintain student programs and services according to the education plan. The deficit is mainly due to the costs of maintenance expenses, as well as the decrease in maintenance funding.

[See Budget 2021-2022](#)

### ÉQV Construction Project

The process of selecting the contractor for the school construction is underway and a contract should be awarded by the beginning of August 2021. The project is estimated to start around mid-August, with plans to complete the construction by spring 2023.

The estimated value of the contract for the construction and the demolition is \$14,235,000. This does not include the expansion supported by federal funds (\$15,000,000).

### 2021 CSNO BURSARIES

The CSNO will award two bursaries worth \$ 800 to CSNO graduates. Applications for the “Commitment to School and Community Life” bursary have been received and evaluated. Applications for the “Academic Excellence” bursary will be evaluated when final grades are awarded for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. The Board also chose the CSNO nomination for the 2021 Paul-Charbonneau Scholarship.



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The recipients of the two CSNO bursaries and the nomination for the Paul-Charbonneau Scholarship will be announced at the end of June.

### 2021 School Elections

A plan for the nomination and election periods was presented. The Board reviewed the options related to the 2021 school elections and appointed the returning officer, Ms. Rachelle Bergeron, as well as the replacement returning officer.

Nominations can be made at the CSNOwwfdawaq office in St-Isidore until September 20, 2021 at noon.

[See: CSNO School Elections](#)

### 2021-2022 School Fees

The Council received and adopted the proposed school fees for the 2021-2022 school year.

### Administration Report

#### Pandemic Update

Students were back in class on May 25<sup>th</sup>. All are hoping to finish the school year in the classroom, as students are feeling wearied from at-home learning.

Alberta Education's update for graduation celebrations in schools was shared with schools. Plans for graduation celebrations are in place with current restrictions; if public health measures change in June, schools will adjust their plans accordingly.

#### Graduation Celebrations

Schools have the following plans in place:

- École des Quatre-Vents - A ceremony will be broadcast on June 19 at 3:00 p.m.
- École Héritage - On June 25, a mass will be held at 1 p.m., followed by a formal ceremony at 2:15 p.m. (broadcast online), and a graduation parade at 4 p.m.

### INVITATION

The public is invited to Board meetings and can place an item on the agenda by communicating, one week in advance, with Mrs. Rachelle Bergeron, Corporate Secretary, at 780-624-8855 or at 1-866-624-8855.

### DATES TO REMEMBER :

June 11	Last Day - Kindergarten
June 24	Last Day (1 à 12)
June 24	CSNO Regular Meeting at 2 :00 pm
June 25	Last Day – School Staff