



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS September 16, 2021, Regular Meeting St-Isidore, AB

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL UPDATE

A summary of the measures put in place for the return to class was shared. The CSNO implemented the wearing of masks on September 3<sup>rd</sup> following the announcement by the Alberta government that reinstated the mandatory wearing of masks in public places. In addition, Trustees were informed of the new set of health measures to counter the current wave of COVID-19 announced on September 15<sup>th</sup>, including the mandatory wearing of masks in schools (grades 4 to 12) and cohort measures for elementary school. The CSNO's plan will be updated to reflect these new measures.

The Board maintains essential documents for school operations during pandemic on its [website](#).

### TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY – Statutory Holiday for the CSNO

On June 21, the Government of Canada passed legislation making September 30 a federal holiday called National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This day is an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools and to engage in the process of truth and reconciliation.

With this in mind, the Board approved that September 30 become a statutory holiday for students and all staff. For this school year, the calendar will be modified to maintain teaching hours and February 9<sup>th</sup> will become a teaching day instead of a PD day. The calendars have been updated and are available on the CSNO website.

In addition, activities will be organized in schools from September 27 to October 1<sup>st</sup> to mark **Truth and Reconciliation Week**.

### 2021-2022 WORK PLAN

Due to the school board elections, the annual work plan will be approved by the new Board of Trustees at the organizational meeting. However, the Board did recommend a plan for the training and orientation of newly elected members.

### FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD

The School Board nominated the "Club des Amis" for the Zone 1 Friends of Education Award. This award recognizes organizations that are committed to improving student education in Zone 1 ASBA. The CSNO wanted to acknowledge their excellent contribution to École Nouvelle Frontière and the Francophone community in the Grande Prairie region. Mrs. Geneviève Savard, member of the Board of Directors, received the award on behalf of the Club des Amis at the ASBA Zone 1 awards ceremony on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

See news [release](#).

### FCSFA

THE FCSFA met with education Minister Adrianna LaGrange regarding the impact of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on behalf of British Columbia parents and to ensure that the province fulfills its responsibilities to Francophone Albertans. The minister says the Ministry of Education's policies and regulations already meet the rights of rights holders in the province. The FCSFA mandated the Francophone Superintendent's to continue their work with the Deputy Minister of Education regarding Francophone representation in the ministry, as well as actual equivalency in funding and infrastructure for Francophone school boards.



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**FNCSF ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The CSNO will be represented at the FNCSF Annual Conference and AGM which will take place virtually from October 28 to 30, 2021.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

**2021-2022 Preliminary Enrolment**

To date, enrolment numbers are similar to last year. The official enrolment for September 30 will be shared at the October meeting.

**Assurance in Education**

The report of the surveys carried out among parents, teachers and students in February 2021 was received only on September 7<sup>th</sup>. An analysis of the results will be presented to Trustees at the next regular Board meeting and will be part of the CSNO's 2020-2021 Annual Education Report.

**School Programming**

A new pilot project to offer collaborative courses is underway in the three schools. The courses offered in the first semester are Biology 20 and English 30. Trustees support the intent and direction of this project and encourage the administration to put in place the necessary strategies to ensure its success.

**ÉQV NEW CONSTRUCTION**

The bidding process for the selection of a contractor for the construction of the new school is almost complete and a contract is expected to be awarded in mid-October.

**INVITATION**

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

**The dates for the next regular meeting and the organizational meeting to be determined.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Sep 27 – Oct 1	Truth and Reconciliation Week
September 30	HOLIDAY - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
October 1	Pedagogical Day - ÉH
October 5	World Teachers' Day
October 8	NO SCHOOL – ÉNF / ÉQV
October 1	HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving
October 25	PD DAY (PEC) – ALL