



## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS** Mars 22, 2023, Regular Meeting **École Héritage, Falher**

### Presentations

#### **ÉCOLE HERITAGE SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The Board welcomed the members of École Héritage School Council, Mrs. Christine Aubin, Chair, and the Principal Ms. Élise Tanguay.

Mrs. Aubin presented the school council's priorities, activities, and challenges. Their priorities include modernizing the school and soundproofing the music room, as well as improving communication with parents. The successes and projects of the school council include the creation of a welcome package for new families, the "Celebrate Our Talents" and "Francophone Pride" projects, as well as good participation in PFPA activities.

#### **DION COMPUTERS**

Dion Computers, the CSNO's technology services provider, was present to give a report to the Board regarding the improvements that have taken place over the past two years. They explained that the server system has been updated, that the implementation of Windows 11 is almost complete throughout the system and that a transition to Microsoft products is underway.

In general, there are fewer technology needs and Dion Computers advised that its team is working diligently to optimize the cybersecurity of all elements of the system.

#### **2024-2027 Capital Plan**

The Board adopted the 2024-2027 Capital Plan with the following priorities:

1. Modernization/Renovation-École Héritage
2. New elementary school - Grande Prairie (northwest region of the city)

The capital plan will be posted on the [CSNO website](#) in early April.

#### **CSNO Organizational Clarity**

As part of the CSNO's 2024-2028 strategic planning, the Board adopted a new Charter of Organizational Clarity. Led by the consulting firm Discitus, trustees and administration developed the CSNO's organizational clarity, which will serve as an internal tool to refine the Board's decision-making and administrative processes.

This exercise aimed at revising and redefining the CSNO's raison d'être, clientele, impact vision, distinctions, organizational values, mission, and services. The next step will be the development of the Council's strategic framework and priorities.

#### **Annual Meeting of School Councils**

The Board held its annual meeting with members of the three school councils on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting took place virtually to accommodate participants' schedules. The meeting allowed participants to express their concerns and wishes regarding three topics related to the board's advocacy plan: substantive equivalence, high school programming, and the CSNO's linguistic and cultural mission.

Consultation with the school community is a requirement of Board policies. It is very important to trustees that the voice of school councils be well represented in guiding the Board's decisions, planning and advocacy.

The means of consultation used by the CSNO, such as the annual and individual meetings of school councils, as well as Thoughtexchange conversations and surveys, offer essential perspectives to guide the school board in the development of the strategic plan, the education plan and the advocacy plan.



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The Board sincerely thanks all members of the school community who participate in these various consultation processes.

(SEE [THOUGHTEXCHANGE conversations.](#))

### 2023-2024 School Calendar

The school calendar will be approved at the next Board meeting.

### Trustee Reports

The chair and trustees summarized the meetings and activities they participated in since the last meeting. Participation in the following meetings: FCSFA Annual Conference, ASBA Zone 1, TEBA, Alberta Rural Education Symposium, RCASB, Governance Committee, School Councils, and information and planning sessions. In addition, trustees represented the CSNO at the raising of the Franco-Albertan flag in our school communities.

### Superintendent's Report

**NEW CURRICULUM** - The Minister of Education announced that kindergarten to grade 3 students in French-language schools across the province will follow the new French First Language and Literature curriculum starting this fall. The availability and development of French-language resources will be closely monitored.

**Francophone Daycare ÉQV** - An [interest form](#) was sent out to the community to estimate the number of children who could access the new service at École des Quatre-Vents. Once there is a better understanding of the number of children participating in the program, it will be possible to create a preliminary budget and implementation plan.

**STAFF RECRUITMENT** - There are several positions to fill, and the recruitment of teaching staff is very slow. View [job offers.](#)

**PEC DAY** - During the Common Pedagogical Day on March 10<sup>th</sup>, teachers had a presentation of "École branchée" and participated in collaboration meetings.

### SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROJECT -

The 2-year project submitted by the CSNO (2023-2024 and 2024-2025) has been approved. The project will allow teachers to work with Dr. Joël Monzée to help students with resilience and self-regulation. Other areas that schools identify for their students may be included. There will also be training sessions for parents.

### ÉCOLE DES QUATRE-VENTS CONSTRUCTION -

The construction is progressing according to schedule with the school opening planned for September 2023! The demolition of the old school will begin in the fall of 2023. To view photos of the construction, visit the [school's website.](#)

### INVITATION

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

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- April 7 Good Friday - Off
- April 10 Easter Monday - Off
- April 11 to 14 Spring break (ALL)
- April 17 PD Day (AL)
- April 19 CSNO meeting at 2 p.m.**