



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS April 19, 2023, Regular Meeting École des Quatre-Vents

Presentation

ÉCOLES DES QUATRE-VENTS SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Conseil scolaire welcomed the members of École des Quatre-Vents School Council, Olivier Bergeron, Julien Lavoie, and the principal, Dominique Jean. Their presentation highlighted the excellent participation of members, as well as the success of various school and cultural activities supported by the school council and their fundraising efforts.

The construction of the new school and the complexity of high school programming are a big part of the school council's discussions. In addition, the new school playground is a demanding project, but progress is being made. Finally, the school council again raised concerns about student boarding times and the possibility of an autonomous school transportation system to provide better service to the school's students.

In closing, the Board reassured the school council members that it is attentive to the unique needs of small schools and thanked the members of the School Council for their commitment.

2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

The Finance Committee reviewed the draft 2023-2024 budget and presented a summary of the components of the Funding Manual that will affect the CSNO's budget. In summary, there will be a very slight increase in funding, but a deficit is anticipated due to increased spending, especially in maintenance. The 2023-2024 budget will be approved at the next meeting on May 24, 2023.

2023-2024 School calendar

The Board approved the 2023-2024 school calendar. This year again, the calendar will be the same for all three schools. Key dates include:

- Back to school for teachers: August 29, 2023
- Back to school: September 5, 2023
- Christmas break: Dec. 22 to Jan. 5, 2024
- Spring break: April 2 to 5, 2024
- Last day of school: June 26, 2023
- Last day for teachers: June 27, 2024

See the 2023-2024 school calendar [HERE](#).

Daycare at ÉQV

Having received several confirmations of interest for a Francophone daycare at École des Quatre-Vents and following the administration's recommendation, the Board approved the opening of a daycare at École des Quatre-Vents in the fall of 2023 for children primarily between the ages of 3 and 5, while continuing to offer a preschool program (3 hours per day).

The administration will contact interested families and take the necessary steps to implement the new program. Details regarding costs and accessibility to the daycare and preschool programs will be communicated shortly.

Strategic Planning

The CSNO'S 2024-2028 strategic planning process is in progress. In March, trustees and administration, led by the consulting firm Discitus, developed and approved a new charter of organizational clarity that will serve as an internal tool to guide the Board's decision-making and administrative processes.

This exercise explored and clarified the CSNO's raison d'être, clientele, impact vision, distinctions, organizational values, mission and services.

The next phase will involve an organizational analysis and the development of the CSNO's strategic framework and priorities.

CSNO Bursary Selection Committee

A selection committee was appointed to evaluate the 2023 CSNO bursary applications, as well as the analysis of applications for the nomination to the 2023 FNCSF Paul-Charbonneau Scholarship.

The deadline to submit applications for the CSNO bursaries is May 12, 2023. See more information [here](#).

Trustees' Report

The Chair and trustees noted their participation in the following meetings: FCSFA, Finance Committee, ÉQV Construction Committee and School Councils.



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Trustees discussed a communication received from the Ministers of Education, Finance and Infrastructure to the four Francophone school boards. The letter proposes the development of a working group to better understand the capital needs of Francophone school boards and to explore the feasibility of establishing a Francophone capital funding envelope. The CSNO believes that an imminent solution is necessary and is grateful and interested in exploring the proposed offer. However, the CSNO is committed to considering all options that could lead to meeting its infrastructure needs.

Update – ÉQV Construction

Trustees and administration had the opportunity to tour the new building under construction at École des Quatre-Vents on April 19. They were able to see the progress of the project and admire the new spaces that the school's students will occupy from the start of the 2023 school year.

The community is invited to see the construction progress on the [École des Quatre-Vents website](#).

Superintendent Report

NEW CURRICULUM – A curriculum implementation report was submitted to inform the Board of the process of and testing the new programs in the CSNO schools.

PEACE RIVER EMERGENCY SAFETY Meeting – Members of the administration participated in a meeting with Town of Peace River partners to review the emergency plan in the event of natural or other disasters. It was a productive meeting and the CSNO was commended for the early implementation of the Hour Zero emergency program.

RECRUITMENT: Kindergarten and preschool recruitment activities and open houses were held in March and April in our schools. Parents now have access to an [online registration portal](#) to enrol their children in one of our schools. The paper format is still available, but we encourage parents to use the digital platform which facilitates the transfer of data and ensures that all parents have an account in the EDSEMBLI CONNECT system.

TECHNOLOGY: Following a class action lawsuit against Microsoft, the court decided that the compensation settlement to class action members is \$409,936,100. This applies to all provinces. Remote and/or underserved elementary and secondary schools with low socio-economic status, high Indigenous enrolment and new Canadians, and post-secondary institutions with fewer than 5,000 students were invited to submit their application forms.

Our schools applied and have received confirmation of an amount for the purchase of Microsoft resources that must be claimed by June 30, 2023. (The amount is allocated according to the size of the community.)

- École Héritage: \$50,000.
- École des Quatre-Vents: \$35,000
- École Nouvelle Frontière: \$20,000

INVITATION

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 1	Bus Drivers' Day
May 1-5	Education and Mental Health Week
May 24	CSNO Meeting at 2 p.m.
May 19	PD day (ALL)
May 22	Victoria Day – Holiday