



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS April 22, 2022, Regular Meeting École Nouvelle Frontière

Presentations

ÉCOLE NOUVELLE FRONTIÈRE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Board welcomed the chair of the École Nouvelle Frontière School Council, Geneviève Savard, and the principal, Dena Boucher-Moon. Their report showed there is good parental involvement, but the School Council is looking for strategies to engage and develop greater parental engagement, as well as better representation. The success of the Vice-Versa project in collaboration with the ACFA of Grande Prairie was highlighted. Thanks to the new government funding, the School Council is preparing a new workshop to engage parents in their child's Francophone education, starting at daycare.

It is noted that the resumption of normal activities should encourage participation. The school will host the Meritas Gala (in June), the graduation (June 11), as well as an end-of-year celebration on June 24. Other events are also planned.

The School Board thanked the School Council members for their commitment.

NEW CURRICULUM

Madame Michelle Hunter, Academic Advisor, was invited to make a presentation to the School Board regarding the new curriculum. The presentation allowed the Trustees to familiarize themselves with the changes and notable aspects of the new curriculum. Ms. Hunter provided an overview of the guiding framework, standards and learning outcomes that will be in place when the new curriculum is implemented in 2022-2023.

Preliminary Budget 2022-2023

Since the new Funding Manual has just been received, a summary of the major components affecting the CSNO's budget was presented. In summary, the CSNO will receive substantially the same funding, but there will be an increase in spending. The Administration and Finance Committee is revising the draft 2022-2023 budget and it will be approved at the next one.

Update - ÉQV Construction

Construction work, which began on April 1st, is progressing well, despite a slight delay in levelling the land.

The community is invited to see the plans of the new school, as well as the progress of the construction on the [school website](#).

The construction start-up ceremony will take place on May 6.

School calendar 2022-2023

The Board approved the 2022-2023 school calendar. It is pointed out that the calendar and schedule will be the same for the three schools. Key dates include:

- Return of staff: August 25, 2022
- Back to school: August 31, 2022
- Christmas break: Dec. 23 to Jan. 6, 2023
- Spring Break: April 2 to 6, 2023
- Last day of school: June 23 (1-9)/June 27
- Last day for staff: June 28, 2023

See the 2022-2023 school calendar [HERE](#).

Out-of-province School Trips

The School Board approved the lifting of restrictions imposed in 2020 for out-of-province and out-of-country school trips due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These trips had been suspended, but will now be allowed for the 2022-2023 school year. Each out-of-province travel project (Canadian or international) must be submitted to the School Board for approval.

Following a request from École des Quatre-Vents, the Board approved their educational and cultural trip for junior and high school students to Quebec in 2022-2023.

Meeting with Archbishop Pettipas

The Catholic Trustees and the Superintendent met with Archbishop Pettipas on April 6th at the bishopric in Grande Prairie. Discussions focused on the development of Catholic services in the diocese and for the Heritage School community.

FSCFA Symposium / Governance Workshop

Trustees participated in the FSCFA's annual symposium on April 9-10 in Edmonton. This gathering provided an excellent networking opportunity between Francophone School Boards. In addition, all benefited from governance training.



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The Symposium also featured the presentation of the FCSFA's annual awards. The 2020 Joseph-Forget Prize was awarded to Laurent Bolduc from Jasper and the 2021 Joseph-Forget Prize was awarded to Karen Doucet from Edmonton. The Prix Ami de l'éducation 2021 was awarded to the Portail de l'immigrant association (PIA). The awards were presented on April 9, in Edmonton.

Board Working Session

The trustees met on April 22 and 23 in Grande Prairie for a working session. This session provided a time of reflection for planning the Trustees' PD plan, as well as the CSNO's advocacy plan priorities. These plans will be further developed and approved in the coming months.

Superintendent Report

NEW CURRICULUM – Alberta Education's allocation for the new curriculum includes an investment of \$3.5 million specifically for French resources. The CSNO will receive funding for the purchase of resources and for the professional development of teachers but has not received details. One representative from each Francophone school board will participate in a resource selection committee.

The curriculum implementation schedule was shared. The Superintendent indicated that in addition to the imposed programs (Math K-3, Phys. Ed., K-6 and English 3), the CSNO will pilot the K to 6 draft French First Language Program in 2022.

2022-2023 EDUCATION PLAN

The CSNO has completed the second year of the 2020-2024 Education Plan. The guidelines for the education plan have not changed and a review of the strategies is under way. The 2022-2023 education plan will be submitted to the next meeting.

Consultation with the community remains an important element in the development of the education plan and a Thoughtexchange is under way with parents and staff.

ENROLMENT FORECAST FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 -

Preliminary enrolment forecasts for the start of the 2022 school year are shared and show a slight increase from kindergarten to Grade 12.

2020-2021 AERR – The CSNO has received the Letter of Compliance from the Minister of Education confirming that the Annual Education Results Report (AERR) submitted in November 2021 meets the ministry's expectations.

INVITATION

The public is invited to Council meetings and may have an item placed 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:

May 2	No School – ÉQV
May 2-6	Education and Mental Health Week
May 19	CSNO Meeting at 2 p.m.
May 20	PD Day (ENF)
	No School (ÉH)
May 23	Victoria Day Holiday