



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS September 27, 2022, Regular Meeting St-Isidore, AB

SAUVONS SAINT-JEAN

The School Board welcomed the Provincial ACFA Executive Director, Isabelle Laurin, who joined the meeting virtually to discuss recent developments in the Campus Saint-Jean cause. Ms. Laurin explained the stakes of the recent judgment which recognizes that the ACFA's case is valid and that the arguments of a constitutional nature deserve to be heard.

CSNO Chair, Mrs. Sylvianne Maisonneuve, thanked Ms. Laurin for her participation in the meeting and congratulated the provincial ACFA for its actions and commitment to this crucial issue for the Francophonie.

EDUCATION AMENDMENT ACT

Trustees discussed the implementation of Bill 85: Education (Students First) Statutes Amendment Act and the latest developments in this area, such as the implementation of a provincial teacher code of conduct. Trustees and the community are encouraged to participate in the government's survey for the development of a new teacher code of conduct. The survey will be available until October 7th. For more information: <https://www.alberta.ca/new-teacher-code-of-conduct-engagement.aspx>

FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

The CSNO presented the "FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD – ASBA ZONE 1" to CKRP Radio Rivière-la-Paix (Nord-Ouest FM). This award recognizes organizations that are committed to improving student education in our area.

The CSNO thanked and congratulated Northwest FM for its leadership and positive impact on francophone school communities at a banquet on September 21, in Peace River. The community radio allows our students to live meaningful and unique Francophone learning experiences through projects that encourage students to participate in programming or produce radio content. [Learn more.](#)

MEETING WITH MINISTER LAGRANGE

The Board met with Education Minister Adrianna LaGrange on September 22 in Grande Prairie during her tour to meet with Zone 1 school divisions.

Trustees and Superintendent took the opportunity to present the [CSNO's advocacy plan](#) priorities. In particular, the following topics were discussed: difficulty accessing the mental health grant, retention and equivalency in high school and the urgent need for modernization for École Heritage.

A follow-up will be made with Alberta Education.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

To mark the Truth and Reconciliation Week, schools are organizing awareness activities during the week of September 26 to 29. On September 29, everyone is invited to wear an orange shirt and September 30 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and a stat holiday for the CSNO.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Trustee draft professional development plan will be revised in the coming months.

FNCSF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The CSNO will be represented at the FNCSF Convention and Annual General Meeting to be held October 20-22 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assurance Framework

The CSNO's survey results show results above the provincial average for most evaluated measures. The analysis of the results will be presented in the CSNO's Annual Education Report 2021-2022.

Programming

Alberta Education is providing funding to support services to students with complex communication needs, who are blind or visually impaired, and who are deaf or hard of hearing. If the CSNO's project



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application is accepted, these funds will provide additional support to our students (technology, materials, resources, and specialist support services).

School Transportation

As of September 1, 2022, a change to the Road the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation now allows school buses to travel at the posted speed limit on highways instead of restricting them to 90 kilometers per hour.

Finance

The 2021-2022 budget as of August 31, 2022, indicates the CSNO will reach the anticipated deficit. The financial audit will begin shortly and will be received in November.

The 2022-2023 budget was revised to reflect additional revenues of \$366,000 thanks to the updated Francophone Equivalency Grant. A reminder that Alberta Education granted additional funding of approximately \$5 million to Francophone school boards through an updated Francophone equivalency grant for the 2022-2023

school year. Although the CSNO is grateful for these additional funds that will reduce the anticipated deficit, they do not meet all the needs whether in teaching, maintenance or transportation.

New School Construction

Construction of the new École des Quatre-Vents is progressing well, despite a little delay due to access to certain materials. It is still estimated that the school will open for September 2023.

Due to a potential problem with water volume for the school fire system, the Town city of Peace River assures that there is a plan in place to rectify the system and that the fire department has a temporary emergency plan.

INVITATION

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

The next regular meeting will be held on October 26, 2022.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

26 - 30 September	Truth and Reconciliation Week
September 30	HOLIDAY - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
October 5	World Teachers' Day
October 7	HOLIDAY - ALL
October 10	HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving
October 24	PD Day PEC – ALL