

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

2023-2024 AFS

Following the recommendations of the Audit Committee, the school board approved the audited financial statements (AFS) for the period ending August 31, 2024. The CSNO's auditor, Mr. Pierre Bergeron of Bergeron & Co., presented the financial report, which indicates a deficit of \$616,719 for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, it was noted that the CSNO's accumulated operational reserves stand at 0.5%, below the required minimum of 1%.

The financial statements will be available [online](#) as of December 1st.

The Board also confirmed the selection of Bergeron & Co. as the external auditor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

2023-2024 AERR

The 2023-2024 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) was presented, including key findings across various areas, along with an explanation of the results, successes, and challenges. The 2023-2024 AERR will be approved, and the final version will be available [online](#) as of December 1st.

2024-2025 BUDGET Update

The board received an update of the 2024-2025 budget, which shows a small surplus of \$15,007, compared to the \$986,086 deficit approved in June 2024.

This excellent news comes after several months of advocacy with Alberta Education to address the CSNO's specific needs.

The board received confirmation of additional operational funding of \$900,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, as well as \$400,000 allocated for each of the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

The board appreciates this commitment from the Alberta Education and its willingness to continue working toward achieving true substantive equivalence in francophone education.

Presentation

The Smoky River Regional Economic Development (SRRED) Executive Director, Ms. Diane Chiasson, gave a virtual presentation regarding upcoming projects. The Board committed to supporting the presented projects to ensure their successful implementation and the potential benefits for the region.

Board Representation

School trustees will represent CSNO at several events before the next regular meeting:

- FFPF AGM (Nov. 28);
- Visit and meeting at ÉNF (Dec.6);
- School celebrations (Dec.19);
- FCSFA (Dec. 10/Jan.20);
- ASBA Zone 1 (Dec. 11/Jan. 8);
- Visit and meeting at ÉQV (Jan. 16);
- Annual School Council Meeting (Jan. 24).



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Policy

The Board approved Policy 2 (Board Role and Responsibilities) and Policy 18 (School Trustees Code of Conduct for) without any modifications. [See CSNO policies.](#)

Superintendent's Report

Leadership AAA – This year, the CSNO has a record-breaking 17 students enrolled in the Leadership AAA course, with participation for the first time from all three schools! The first session of the leadership course (Level 15) took place November 22 to 24. The second session will be held from February 28 to March 2, 2025, and the third session (Youth Parliament) from May 1 to May 4, 2025.

Career Guidance: Once again, CSNO will offer high school students the Driver Training

program (with credits) through "First Choice Driver Training Inc." in Grande Prairie. A total of 29 students have expressed interest in taking the course.

The school guidance counselor, Mr. Dominique Jean, will collaborate with the "Careers Next Generation" group at 0.20 FTE to provide more career opportunities for our students.

INVITATION

The public is invited to attend Council meetings and can 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

DEC.23 Dec. – Jan. 5th
January 6th

Winter Break – ALL
PD Day – ALL

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