

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

2026-2029 Capital Plan

The School Board has adopted the 2026-2029 Capital Plan. The priorities of the plan are:

Priority #1 – New School in Grande Prairie

Priority #2 – New Program in Slave Lake

Priority #3 – Study for a program in High Level.

The Capital Plan will be posted on the CSNO website in early April.

2025-2026 Budget Forecast

The board has reviewed the 2025-2026 provincial budget released on February 27. While base funding has not increased, the Francophone Equivalency Grant has been raised by 25%.

The CSNO has not yet received its financial profile, and the Funding Manual will not be available until April. An analysis will be conducted based on the available information to prepare for the development of the 2025-2026 CSNO budget.

2025-2026 School Calendars

The 2025-2026 school calendars for all three schools were presented. While they meet the required instructional hours, there are some differences in holidays and professional development days.

- École Nouvelle Frontière and École des Quatre-Vents calendars were approved as presented.
- École Héritage calendar will be revised and resubmitted for approval at the next board meeting.

The school calendars will be posted on each school's website shortly.

CSNO Nomination for the 2025 Edwin Parr Award

Geneviève Savard, a teacher at École Nouvelle Frontière, has been selected as the CSNO's nominee for the prestigious ASBA Edwin Parr Award. This award highlights outstanding first-year teachers for excellence in teaching and adherence to the Teaching Quality Standard.



The CSNO is proud to submit a nomination for the first time in its history, especially since the Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta (FCSFA) now has the opportunity to select a teacher from among the four Francophone school boards to represent Francophone education at the provincial level.

2025 CSNO Scholarships

Each year, CSNO awards two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating students:

- Bourse Excellence scolaire
- Bourse Actifs et fiers

Details and application forms are available on the CSNO website.

Board Representation

Since the last meeting in January, Trustees participated in several networking and advocacy events, including:

- ASBA (January 30 – Advocacy Session)
- TEBA (11 February / 12 March)



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- École Héritage visit & school council meeting (February 18)
- Bishop's Assurance Initiative (February 20)
- ACSTA Symposium (February 20 and 22)
- FCSFA (December 10/January 20)
- Franco-Albertan flag-raising ceremonies :
 - Peace River (March 3) / Grande Prairie (March 4)
- Governance Committee (March 11)
- ASBA Zone 1 (March 12)
- ACSTA – Catholic Ed Talks (March 12).

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Charles Duval, C.Ss.R.

The CSNO conveyed its sincere congratulations to Bishop-elect Charles Duval on his appointment as Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan.

Board members will attend his **episcopal ordination**, which will be celebrated on **Wednesday, May 14**, at **St. Joseph Catholic Church in Grande Prairie**, beginning at **7:30 p.m.**

The Board approved Policies 3 (Role and Responsibilities of Trustees) and 6 (Board

Operations), with recommended amendments. Additionally, **Policy 11 (Role and Responsibilities of the Superintendent)** and **Policy 12 (Appeals of Student Decisions)** were adopted without changes.

[CSNO's policies.](#)

Superintendent'S Report

Early Childhood Centre – Les Petits Bourdons – The Les Petits Bourdons daycare officially opened on March 3rd. The Early Childhood Centre offers 16 daycare spaces and 14 preschool spaces, welcoming children aged 3 to 5 who meet the admission criteria.

INVITATION

The public is invited to attend Board 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

CONSULT THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDARS.

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| March 24 to 28 | Spring Break (ÉQV / ÉH) |
| March 28 | Professional Development Day (ÉNF) |
| March 31 to April 4 | Spring Break (ÉNF) |
| April 4 | Professional Development Day (ÉH) |
| April 18 | Good Friday (HOLIDAY) |
| April 21 | Easter Monday (HOLIDAY) |
| April 30 | Next Board meeting (7 p.m.) |

