

Request to lease Queen Mary Park School to relocate École À la Découverte

The Board confirmed its intention to lease Queen Mary Park School (10935 - 113 Street) from Edmonton Public School Board in 2016-2017, where it will relocate École À la Découverte.

A recent visit of the building by trustees, administrators, staff, parents and students generated very positive feedback. The Board submitted a list of work to be done this spring. Adding Queen Mary Park School to Conseil's school inventory enables it to successfully respond to the school community's request for a permanent building by September 2016, a better playground and sufficient space to eventually add grades 7-8-9.

Capital Plan 2016-2019

The Board ratified the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee for Infrastructure and Growth, and approved Capital Plan 2016-2019, as follows:

Replacing existing schools (2) : Citadelle, Joseph-Moreau.

New schools (9): À la Découverte, des Fondateurs, Sans-Frontières, Saint-Vital, Sherwood Park, Catholic elementary school in Edmonton South, public elementary school in Edmonton North, public elementary school in Edmonton South, public high school in Edmonton.

Modernizations (4): Boréal, Gabrielle-Roy, Maurice-Lavallée, Saint-Christophe.

Contrary to Alberta Infrastructure's criteria, the Board will not prioritize its capital funding

requests opting to present them by category rather than by rank order.

École francophone de Sherwood Park

The Board was informed that the province approved the addition of two extra modular classrooms for a total of 12 for the start-up school scheduled to open its doors in September 2016 in Sherwood Park.

Naming École Gabrielle-Roy

The Board announced last month that École Gabrielle-Roy will be divided in September. Students from kindergarten to grade 6 will be staying in the same building while grades 7 to 12 students will be moving into St. Kevin School. Consequently, both buildings need to be given a name.

To assist the Board with naming the schools, all parents, students, staff and community will be invited to propose names and to suggest which of the two schools, K to 6 or 7 to 12, should keep the name "Gabrielle-Roy".

The Board will make its final decision later in April.

Nomination to Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Teaching Award

An award selection committee comprised of three school trustees met with candidates for the ASBA Award: Damaye Camara (La Prairie), Ashley McPherson (La Mission) and Michelle Mahé (Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc). The committee nominated Ashley McPherson to represent CSCN for the ASBA's Zone 2/3 competition.

Youth voice

The director of Francophonie jeunesse de l'Alberta (FJA), Casey Edmunds, informed the Board that the organization of the conference "EXPO jeunesse" is well underway. Around 40 high school students from CSCN will meet in Edmonton on April 7 and 8 to discuss various topics related to their school, the Francophonie, infrastructure, and their political and social engagement.

New vice-principals

Congratulations to Heather Coffin who will be the vice-principal of the new public high school and to Marie Hébert who will be the vice-principal of the public elementary school in Edmonton. Both will start their new position in 2016-2017.

St. Albert Joint Site Allocation Agreement

The City of St. Albert is asking the other three partners to amend the Agreement so that all future school site allocations be authorized only by the municipal council instead of the four chief administrators. The Board rejected the City of St. Albert's proposed amendment to the Joint Site Allocation Agreement.

Policy and administrative procedures – I-9042 – Sexual identity and orientation

The Board positively acknowledged the Minister of Education's request and submitted Policy I-9042 and Administrative Procedures I-9042 *Sexual identity and orientation*.

On June 16, 2015, the Board adopted Policy I-9042 and in November the Minister asked all school authorities to submit policies, procedures and regulations stipulating their responsibility under *School Act* sections 45.1 and 16.1 relative to transgender staff and students.

Attendance areas

The Board revised policy C-3010 Attendance areas. The changes are based on these principles:

School physically located outside Edmonton: The Board is committed to the advancement of these schools by offering the programming chosen by parents with respect to the school's denomination. Bussing will only be offered to these schools for residents of the attendance area, regardless of their preferred programming choice. Parents will either have the choice to request Catholic instruction (if the school is public) or the course entitled *Éthique et culture religieuse* (if the school is Catholic).

Families residing within the Edmonton city limits: The families have the choice between a public or a Catholic school. The school within their attendance area could be located outside the city limits e. g. Alexandre-Taché and Saint-Vital, because these attendance areas were designed to balance the number of students attending francophone schools in the region.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on April 19 at 6 pm, at La Cité francophone.