



Board Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board

August 25, 2009

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Student enrolment 2009-2010

Superintendent Henri Lemire introduced preliminary enrolment numbers that indicate a decline in overall student population of 2 to 3 %. The Board had 2,524 students last year and used that number for the projected 2009-2010 budget that forecasted a deficit of \$716,000. The decrease in enrolment will significantly increase this deficit.

Results of the Accountability Pillar

The Board received 2008-2009 Accountability Pillar results from Alberta Education. This document provides school authorities and individual schools with a tool to measure their success and evaluate their progress towards meeting their learning goals. With the Accountability Pillar, all jurisdictions measure the same factors in the same way at the same time, creating timely, accurate, consistent data that is publicly evaluated and reported.

Annually, Alberta Education publishes two main categories of results for school jurisdictions in the province: 1) qualitative results based on survey responses from parents and students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and all teachers; 2) quantitative results based on tests, exams, factual reports, etc.

Overall, the results of the CSCN improved this year. In the seven major categories identified by the Province, the Board's results are: a) "good" in the categories: 1. Safe and caring schools 2. Preparing for lifelong learning, World of work, and Citizenship; b)

"acceptable" in the categories: 3. Student learning opportunities 4. Parental involvement; 5. Continuous improvement; c) "problematic" in the category: 6. Student learning achievement K to 9.

More accurately, the three measures considered "problematic" according to the Minister of Education are: 1) Quality of education; 2) "Acceptable" results on Provincial Achievement Tests; 3) "Excellent" results on Diploma Exams.

École Desrochers (Jasper)

One of the modular classes from École Maurice-Lavallée has been moved to Jasper. Henceforth, students will no longer have to go to the Lutheran Church for their music classes.

École Père-Lacombe

Given the increase in student enrolments and the need for another classroom, one of the modular classrooms from Maurice-Lavallée will be moved to Père-Lacombe in September.

École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert)

Since meeting with parents in the spring, there have been several meetings with the Alberta Education to obtain their authorization, with Covenant Health to negotiate a lease, with the City of St. Albert to obtain development and construction permits, notices to area residents, with Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools for the use of space at St. Albert High School, with architect Jim Der of Roth & Der Architects

Ltd., and with Scott Murchison a manager from Delnor Construction responsible for the renovations.

As a result, for two and a half months, students from Alexandre-Taché will use classrooms at École La Mission in St. Albert. Students will transfer to Alexandre-Taché at its new location on November 15.

École Joseph-Moreau (Edmonton)

A great deal was accomplished at Joseph-Moreau during the summer months: a lease with EPSB was signed, the walls and lockers were repainted, new furniture, school supplies and materials were purchased, the floor and lines in the gymnasium were redone to perfection, the industrial arts and home economics facilities were renovated (new equipment, stoves, refrigerators, etc.), carpeted classrooms were retiled, the staff room and administrative offices were entirely renovated.

École Gabrielle-Roy (Edmonton)

The new gymnasium is finished and the \$3.8 million construction will allow students and the greater community to enjoy a new, vast and impressive sports facility. Work on the old gymnasium, now transformed into a library, will be completed in September. The stage was transformed into two glassed classrooms.

École La Prairie (Red Deer)

A new modular classroom was installed and will be ready to accommodate high school students in September.

Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta (FCSFA)

The president of the FCSFA, Fred Kreiner, wrote to Minister Hancock outlining the most important points to consider in the reformulation of the School Act, i.e. exclusivity, first right of school transfer and

waiting lists for capital projects. The Minister responded affirmatively by restating his commitment to adopting amendments to the School Act for exclusivity and school transfers.

Influenza H1N1 virus

Superintendent Henri Lemire explained measures implemented in schools to lessen the spread of the H1N1 virus. These measures are recommended by Alberta Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada, and stress the importance of proper hand washing and staying at home if flu-like symptoms are present. However, public health authorities are not recommending school closures even if H1N1 influenza cases are confirmed at a given school.

Daycare in St. Albert

A modular unit has been installed on the school grounds of École La Mission in St. Albert. The CEPP daycare will be ready to accommodate 17-20 preschool aged children this fall. Child and Family Services granted this unit to CSCN that is now the proprietor.

Superintendent's report

The Centre d'accueil et d'établissement and the Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord, in collaboration with francophone community organizations in Edmonton, organized the first edition of the "Semaine d'Orientation des Nouveaux Arrivants" (SONA). Because families newly arrived in Canada face many challenges and must adapt to many new realities, this orientation week welcomed them into and familiarized them with the francophone school system, its environment and resources available to them within the community. This initiative was funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Next Board Meeting

Next regular and organizational Board

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Meeting will be held at La Cité francophone
on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7pm.

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