



Board Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board

May 17, 2010

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2010-2011 Preliminary Budget

The Board accepted budget assumptions as outlined in the 2010-2011 preliminary budget. Alberta Education now only requires budget submission and approval before the end of November. The proposed budget carries a \$900,000 deficit with revenues of \$36.4M and expenses of \$37.3M. The Board has \$760,000 in reserves, not counting the reimbursement of \$1.6M requested from the Province for start-up costs at École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert) and Joseph-Moreau (Edmonton), and the value of the house in Fort McMurray (\$558,290).

Electoral census results

The Board received the report from the Census Director, Denis Collette, containing results of the census taken in April 2010. Based on these results, it has been determined that five catholic trustees and two public trustees will be elected in the October 18 school district elections.

Year	Electoral census	
	Catholic	Public
2002	612 (82%)	136 (18%)
2004	806 (77%)	239 (23%)
2007	462 (76%)	144 (24%)
2010	447 (75%)	147 (24%)

Red Deer study

The Board received a report from Faye Parker entitled, «Red Deer Regional Planning Study». The trustees mandated administration to review the Capital Plan to reflect the recommendations of the study,

including the eventual construction of a new K-12 school for La Prairie.

Appointment of school administrators

The Board ratified the superintendent's recommendations for school principals :

- Jean-Daniel Tremblay at Gabrielle-Roy for a four-year term from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2014.
- Sonia Coulombe at Boréal for a four-year term from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2014.
- Marc Potvin at Joseph-Moreau for a four-year term from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2014.
- Vladimir Pasek at Maurice-Lavallée for a two-year term from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2012.
- Marcel Ouellette at Alexandre-Taché for a probationary one-year term from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011.

Superintendent Henri Lemire presented vice-principal appointments for two-year terms, from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2012 :

- Pauline Morrissette at Notre-Dame
- Christophe Page at Citadelle
- Rosée Dallaire at Maurice-Lavallée
- Nancy Bélanger at La Mission
- Sylvie Dassylva at Gabrielle-Roy
- Pierre Hébert at Gabrielle-Roy
- Michel Gauthier at La Prairie
- Denis Gravel at Joseph-Moreau

Letter to Premier Ed Stelmach

Board Chair Claude Duret has written to Premier Stelmach to inform him of the Board's disapproval with the Government's strategy for funding school authorities and to

propose that Government reimburse authorities for education deficits incurred by the Province.

École A la Découverte

Alberta Education confirmed lease costs according to these terms: \$405,432 for 2009-2010 payable to Edmonton Catholic School for the lease of St. Patrick School for 3,616 m² at a rate of \$112.12/m².

École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert) and Joseph-Moreau (Edmonton)

Minister of Education Dave Hancock wrote to the Board “I reaffirm my commitment to consider reimbursement of the expenses your board incurred... funding has not been made available for capital projects in Budget 2010.” The Board still expects a positive response to its request for a repayment of \$504,854 for start-up costs at Joseph-Moreau and \$1,106,794 for start-up costs at Alexandre-Taché.

École Desrochers

In a response to a letter from the Board Chair of Grande Yellowhead Regional Division, Centre-Nord confirmed that the construction of a new school for Desrochers in conjunction with Jasper Jr/Sr HS remains its top priority.

Trustees were pleased to learn that the Jasper’s municipal council had unanimously voted for a request from GYRD to exchange the land at Jasper Jr/Sr HS for the Bowling Green site. The conditions of the agreement are that the Town must not incur additional costs to convert the former site into park space, and that Parks Canada approve the deal.

Superintendent’s report

Congratulations to principals Claude Viel from École Alexandre-Taché and Marc Potvin from École Joseph-Moreau – and their staff – for

wonderful opening ceremonies in both schools last April.

Congratulations to Rita Hébert who received the award Excellence in Catholic Education from the Council of Catholic Schools Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA).

Capital Plan 2011-2014

The Board will submit its Capital Plan 2010-2013 to the province. The top priorities remain unchanged : 1) new school for Desrochers in conjunction with Jasper Jr/Sr HS; 2) new school for La Prairie in Red Deer; 3) new secondary school in St. Albert.

Budget revisions for April 30, 2010

The Board revised its budget, as of April 30, 2010, for the 2009-2010 school year. For the present school year, it is forecasted that the budget deficit of \$1,373,947 will decrease to \$1,037,771. The major differences between the projected and actual deficit are greater revenues than anticipated from the federal government (PLOÉ) of approximately \$200,000 and a decrease in transportation costs.

Policy I-9130 – Student evaluation

The Board adopted in first reading, Policy I-9130 Student Evaluation. Trustees were informed of the work document *Questions & réponses sur la nouvelle politique d'évaluation* (Questions and answers on the new evaluation policy), as well as e-mails from parents, teachers and schools.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, June 22 at 7 p.m. at La Cité francophone.



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