



Board Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board

August 24, 2010

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Alberta Human Rights Act

Superintendent Henri Lemire informed trustees on Section 11.1 of the *Alberta Human Rights Act* that comes into effect September 1, 2010. This section deals with notifying parents when their child will be receiving instruction that includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation.

Section 11.1 is clear that notification to parents is not required for indirect or incidental references to religion, religious themes, human sexuality or sexual orientation in an outcome, course, exercise or instructional material.

Where a parent makes a written request, section 11.1 requires a teacher to exclude a student, without academic penalty, from the instruction, exercise or use of instructional material that includes subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion, human sexuality or sexual orientation.

An information letter will be sent to parents at the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

Capital projects

Board administrators met with officials at Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure to discuss

capital projects such as the repayment of start-up costs at Joseph-Moreau and Alexandre-Taché in 2009 and the need for the construction of new schools in Jasper and Red Deer.

École Gabrielle-Roy

Administration is dealing with a serious problem with the new school gym. According to the architect, the new gym floor is inadequate and had to be removed over the summer, but will not be replaced until the contractor finishes required changes to the building.

Meanwhile, Gabrielle-Roy students are taking their Phys Ed classes outside and at École Maurice-Lavallée gymnasium during inclement weather and/or as of mid-October.

École À la Découverte

The lease with Edmonton Catholic Schools for St. Patrick School (À la Découverte), has been renewed for 2010-2011.

Next meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at La Cité francophone.



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