



Board Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board

September 21, 2010

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Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif Fund

The Board will donate \$10,000 toward the *Fonds Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif*, a new fund created within the Fondation franco-albertaine by Claudette and Denis Tardif to support the professional development of teachers with Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord.

Trustees are proud to join Claudette and Denis Tardif, a respected and well-known couple in the francophone community, who donated \$10,000 to establish the fund which will annually offer two bursaries.

Denis Tardif first taught at École J.H. Picard School, was associate director at the French Language Services Branch at Alberta Education, general director and president of ACFA, first Chair of Centre-Nord, and for the last 12 years, director of the Francophone Secretariat (Government of Alberta). Claudette Tardif is widely known and respected for her significant contribution as professor and dean at Campus Saint-Jean, and for the last five years, as a Senator in Ottawa.

The couple's commitment to francophone education, excellence in teaching and professional development motivated their generous donation.

Archdiocesan Policy: Fundraising and Gambling

Upon receiving the letter from the Most Reverend Richard Smith about the new archdiocesan policy opposing gambling, trustees requested a meeting with his Grace to discuss the policy, its application and transition. The Board will inform the archbishop that until this meeting is held, the Board will not send directives to its catholic schools on the policy.

Amendment to Section 11.1 of the Alberta Human Rights Act

Trustees read the letters that will be sent to parents informing them of their right to request their child be exempted from instruction dealing specifically with human sexuality and sexual orientation. A form to this effect will be posted on the Conseil's website.

Support staff wages

The Board approved a 4% wage increase for non-unionized staff at central office as of September 1, 2010. Also, the Board committed to completing, before the next financial year, job descriptions in comparison with similar positions in Alberta.

École À la Découverte

The superintendent informed trustees of his discussions with other Edmonton school authorities to identify a site to relocate École À la Découverte in 2011-2012.

Superintendent's report

Congratulations to Sophie Collins, a grade 12 student at École Maurice-Lavallée, who was selected to represent Centre-Nord at the ACELF conference in Charlottetown from September 30 to October 2.

Mireille Prévost, principal at École À la Découverte, was invited to participate in a professional development program offered in Morocco from October 30 to November 5. The program, which is organized by the University of Ottawa, will explore the inclusion of immigrant students and the role of principals in franco-canadian schools.

Next meeting

The next regular board meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. at La Cité francophone.



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