



Board Highlights

Regular Meeting of the Board

January 25, 2011

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École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert)

Considering that Alberta Education is not currently ready to commit to financing the cost of converting spaces into a classroom and science lab at École Alexandre-Taché, and given the importance of proceeding as soon as possible, the Board approved the use of \$200,000 from its accumulated surplus to finance the work project while reminding the Government of its obligation to provide equivalent facilities to francophone schools.

École À la Découverte (Edmonton)

The Superintendent wrote to his counterpart at Edmonton Public Schools requesting the lease or sharing of an empty or existing school north of Yellowhead Road in north-central Edmonton. Our school district is preparing to move École À la Découverte during the summer of 2011.

Proposed 2011-2012 school calendar

Trustees examined the first draft of the 2011-2012 school calendar. Calendar highlights are :

- ◆ Thursday, August 25 – First day for teachers
- ◆ Friday, August 26 – Staff opening day at École publique Gabrielle-Roy
- ◆ Monday, August 29 – Professional development day
- ◆ Tuesday, August 30 – First day for students
- ◆ November 9 to 11 – Fall break

- ◆ December 23 to January 9 – Christmas vacation
- ◆ February 9-10 – Teachers' Convention
- ◆ March 26 to 30 – Spring Break
- ◆ April 6 – Good Friday
- ◆ April 9 – Easter Monday
- ◆ June 27 – Last day for students
- ◆ June 28 and 29 – Last days for teachers

Correspondance from parent committee at École Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc concerning funds from casinos

The Board received a letter from the École Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc parent committee requesting the Board consider creating an endowment fund, an approach parents would be willing to support to replace funds presently collected from casinos.

The committee would prefer raising funds through casinos, but if that becomes impossible in the future, the committee is looking at other ways to financially support activities, field trips, cultural events and others that enrich the students' experience. Their preference is that the Board explore the concept of an endowment fund, however the committee could start exploring that option soon if the Board does not proceed.

Since the Board has not completed its own consultations with school councils, the five catholic trustees are not ready at this time to take position or adopt a resolution concerning the use of casino funds. The catholic trustees will discuss the matter at its work session in February and plan on meeting trustees from Edmonton Catholic Schools to understand their position on the matter.

**Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association
(ACSTA)**

Centre-Nord's catholic trustees support the interim agreement proposed by the provincial government : *Framework for Establishing a Separate School District in Alberta* (also known as "Flower Roll-up"), including this statement :

“Nothing in this Division prohibits or deregates from the right of separate school electors to traditional formation of a separate school district in any historical public school district as provided for in sections 41 through 45 of the *School Ordinance. c. 29, O.N.W.T. 1901*, constitutionalized by virtue of section 17 of the *Alberta Act, 1905, c.3, 4-5 Edward VII.*”

Next meeting

The next regular board meeting of the *Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord* will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at La Cité francophone.



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