

## Design approval for École Desrochers

The Board adopted the design for École Desrochers, a new facility that will be fully shared with Jasper Jr/Sr High School as of the 2014-2015 school year. Our partner, Grande Yellowhead Regional SD, adopted a similar resolution on January 18.

The superintendents of both school authorities continue their work in developing two agreements for the operations and programming / sharing of the new school.

## New school in Red Deer (École La Prairie)

On January 23, Trustee Nicole Lorrain will make a presentation to the City of Red Deer asking it to amend the existing conditions of the development plan for the construction of the new school on the Aspen Ridge site. This site is designated for a K-9 school while the Board is calling for the designation to accommodate a K-12 school.

On December 14, the Board approved a transfer of \$600,000 from its accumulated surplus to its capital reserves to finance the expansion of the gymnasium and the addition of a mezzanine for the new school, an additional 189 m<sup>2</sup>.

## Minister of Education Thomas Lukaszuk's visit to École La Prairie

Nicole Lorrain, trustee, and Jean Doyon, principal, were very pleased with Minister Lukaszuk's visit on December 7. A ministry official wrote, "Jean, his staff and students represented Alberta's francophone schools very well. The minister noted that our students are bilingual and proud of their heritage. ... Jean and the school community were exceptionally accommodating ... thanks to them, the minister felt welcomed ...".

## École Alexandre-Taché

Paul Dumont, Chair, and trustees Karen Doucet, Nathalie Lachance and Ginette Martel, will attend a public forum with Minister of Education Thomas Lukaszuk and parents about the future of École Alexandre-Taché on February 22.

## École À la Découverte

The superintendent explained that the adjustments to the leased facilities that began last fall are almost completed.

## Committee of Archbishop Smith committee and catholic school board chairs of the Edmonton Archdiocese

The Conseil scolaire catholique Centre-Nord supports the initiative of 10 member boards of the Edmonton Archdiocese focusing on hiring a manager for sacramental education and preparation.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the École Maurice-Lavallée's robotics team that won the provincial competition First Tech Challenge (FTC) in Red Deer on January 14. The 11-member team will represent Alberta at the world championship in St. Louis, Missouri, in late April. We also acknowledge the dedication of their teacher Michel Gariépy and accompanying adults, David Caron and Philippe Manseau.

Congratulations to Micheline Spencer and Thérèse Pomerleau who received a grant of \$4,200 from the Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation of Edmonton. They will organize a series of activities and exchanges for grade 4 students at École La Mission with Ben Calf Robe School, an aboriginal school in Edmonton.

Congratulations to François Bergeron who was nominated for the provincial Excellence in Teaching Award.

## Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held at La Cité francophone on Tuesday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m.