

2012-2013 Preliminary budget

The Board accepted budget assumptions outlined in the 2012-2013 preliminary budget. The proposed budget forecasts a \$350,000 deficit, however a revised budget will be adopted in November as based on September 30 enrolments.

New school for École La Prairie (Red Deer)

On May 14, Red Deer City Council unanimously adopted the Development Permit application for the construction of the new École La Prairie. Administration explained that the configuration of the parking lot is not ideal and that by building on existing school property, the Board loses the opportunity of selling the land to finance the gymnasium expansion. Fortunately, students and parents in Red Deer gain a new school with construction commencing this summer.

The Board mandated administration to sign the contracts required for the construction of the new school once Board's legal counsel deems them satisfactory.

Appointment of vice-principals

The Board ratified the superintendent's recommendations for the following vice-principals : Marielle Perich at École Notre-Dame for a probationary one-year term and a two-year term for the following: François Bergeron at École Alexandre-Taché; Denis Gravel at École Joseph-Moreau; Nancy Bélanger at École La Mission; Josée Dallaire at École Maurice-Lavallée; Caroline Wainman at École Père-Lacombe; Sylvie Dassylva at École Gabrielle-Roy; Pierre Hébert at École Gabrielle-Roy; Christophe Page at École Citadelle.

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In winter 2011, the City of Edmonton created a Community Working Group on Sustainability. The Group recognized that many parts of the city, especially mature neighborhoods, face the challenge of maintaining viable, vibrant and dynamic communities when confronted with historical and

demographic changes. In collaboration with the province, school boards, parents and community groups, the Group brought together citizens responsible for recommending courses of action to support and enhance the viability of mature neighborhoods. The Board will inform the City of its support for the nine recommendations.

Installation of a modular classroom at École Notre-Dame

The Board asked Alberta Education to assume the costs of moving the modular classroom from École La Prairie to École Notre Dame during the summer of 2012. Originally, the intention was to install it on the west side of the school, but due to the presence of natural gas and electricity lines in that area, the modular will be installed on the east side.

École Alexandre-Taché

Trustees received the Option Facilities Workshop report further to a working session held March 14 in St. Albert with representatives from Greater St. Albert Catholic Regional Division (GSACRD), Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord, Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure. The objective was to arrive at a consensus on the best option for facilities to serve students from both school authorities in St. Albert. Participants considered seven options and agreed on one that favors the construction of a new joint high school with students from St. Albert Catholic HS, St. Marguerite d'Youville and École Alexandre-Taché.

On May 29, an extraordinary meeting of Conseil scolaire catholique du Centre-Nord will be held to adopt the report and appoint representatives to serve on a subcommittee with counterparts from GSACRD.

The Alexandre-Taché school council invited Chairman Paul Dumont at an informal meeting on June 11, to discuss their next steps and strategies for acquiring a new school. Paul Dumont will also consult the parents of École Citadelle on June 20 about the future of the junior high school program in Legal once a new high school will be built in St. Albert.

Bus zone review for École La Mission and École Notre-Dame

The Board mandated administration to inform Spruce Grove families that they will have the option to enroll their children at École Notre Dame for one year of transition in 2012-2013, followed by the transfer of all these students École La Mission in St. Albert in 2013-2014.

Talks with ACFA Centralta on the lease agreement for École Citadelle

The Board retained architectural services to assess the costs related to the renovations necessary to accommodate the administration offices of École Citadelle within the community centre, as well as the renovations required to move junior high school students. The study will include the cost of modifying the preschool classroom into a music classroom, moving the staff room into the secretary's present office, moving the preschool on the first floor, and securing the main entrance of the school.

Negotiations for the acquisition of Ritchie School

Board administration retained the services of architects Ron Nemeth and Tony Brammar from ACI Architecture Inc. to determine if the building can be modernized at a reasonable cost to accommodate École Joseph-Moreau. The study will include the need to provide natural light in nine classrooms, redoing the heating, ventilation and electrical systems, adding parking spaces, and reviewing requirements with respect to engineering, structural, mechanical and power to ensure competitive bidding from contractors.

New Inclusive and literacy advisor

Gisèle Bourque, presently curriculum advisor at the Conseil scolaire acadien en Nouvelle-Écosse, will assume this position at the Board's Curriculum Services Sector.

Financial Update

Secretary-treasurer Josée Devaney presented an updated financial statement for the current year showing a projected \$250,000 deficit for 2011-2012.

Next Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at La Cité francophone on Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m.