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Henri Lemire
Superintendent

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Superintendent's annual evaluation

Trustees received the Superintendent's evaluation report tabled by the three committee members: Paul Dumont, Karen Doucet and Laurent Bolduc.

École Desrochers (Jasper)

Discussions between Parks Canada, Grande Yellowhead Public Schools and Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord concerning the stipulation to build or buy apartment-type lodging in Jasper National Park continued this summer. The school districts understand that it could cost between two and three million dollars to meet Parks Canada requirement to provide 13 new bedrooms. Parks Canada will undertake a study on the matter; Parks reiterated that it will not prohibit the construction of the school even if the housing question is not resolved this fall.

There will be a sod-turning ceremony in Jasper on Friday, September 14 at noon in the presence of MLA Robin Campbell, Clark Builders, Workun Garrick architects, students and community representatives.

École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert)

Trustees from Greater St. Albert Catholic and Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord continued their talks to explore the best option for building a new school to serve students from both school authorities in St. Albert. The preferred option is the construction of a new school joint, tripartite school for students from grades 10 to 12 from St. Albert Catholic HS, Sainte Marguerite d'Youville School and École Alexandre-Taché. Consultation sessions and meetings with government officials could take place in the coming months to determine whether the concept has sufficient support.

Meanwhile, Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord will continue collaborating with the City of St. Albert to identify a site for the construction of a francophone high school.

École Notre-Dame (Edmonton)

During the summer, a modular classroom was moved from École La Prairie (Red Deer) to École Notre-Dame (Edmonton) to accommodate increased enrolments.

École Citadelle (Legal)

On June 21, Board chair Paul Dumont and trustee Ginette Martel consulted parents on their vision for the future of the junior high school program at École Citadelle in the event of the construction of a new high school in St. Albert. The vast majority of parents want to keep retain the junior high school program in Legal.

The Board continues its efforts with Alberta Education to obtain \$500,000 in funding for school and community centre leasehold improvements to better accommodate student growth. However, in the absence of a firm commitment from the ministry, the Board cannot proceed although architectural plans are complete and ready for tender.

École Joseph-Moreau (Edmonton)

Ron Nemeth with ACI Architects Inc. completed a preliminary design proposal for the school as well as a cost analysis for its modernization. The Board will review these plans and decide whether it is more advantageous to upgrade or to replace Ritchie School (École Joseph-Moreau). Meanwhile the Board is pursuing its efforts to acquire the building from EPSB.

École À la Découverte (Edmonton)

In the absence of government funding, Edmonton Public Schools could not begin development at Kensington School. Centre-Nord wishes to lease additional space, including a large library, an office and two classrooms.

RBC Foundation donation

Projet ESPOIR, in its fifth year of mental health support and intervention, received a \$10,000 gift from the Royal Bank of Canada to support its work in our schools.

Elizabeth Sovis

On July 14, Mrs. Elizabeth Sovis was killed in a bicycle accident in Prince Edward Island. She worked as a speech-language pathologist in our schools for over a dozen years and offered speech-language therapy to numerous preschool children and school-aged students.

Dates of future meetings

The next regular Board meeting will be held at La Cité francophone on Tuesday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m. Exceptionally in October, the meeting will take place on Thursday, October 25.