

Satisfaction surveys 2011-2012

Trustees received the satisfaction survey results analysis report of the satisfaction survey administered in June 2012. Every year in May/June the Board administers a satisfaction survey of all grades 4 to 12 students, parents and teachers. The questionnaire includes questions specifically designed to set benchmarks for the AISI.

Education Minister's visit to École Citadelle (Legal)

On September 10, Education Minister Jeff Johnson and MLA Maureen Kubinec made a brief stop at École Citadelle to visit the school. The following day, Assistant Deputy Minister Dean Lindquist also visited the school in response to a Board request that the Province fund, at a cost of about \$500,000, improvements in some parts in the school and leasehold costs in the community centre to better accommodate the school administration office and increased enrolments at the junior high level. Work could start almost anytime during the school year following ministerial approval.

The second purpose of these meetings was to discuss the renewal of the lease between ACFA Centralta and Centre-Nord that expired in July 2011. Both parties will conduct independent evaluations of the market value, agree on a new lease for the next 5-7 years and forward the information to Alberta Education. The Ministry has reimbursed the Board for space at the community centre for the past 11 years.

École Desrochers (Jasper)

Paul Dumont thanked vice-chair Laurent Bolduc, École Desrochers students and staff who participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new francophone school in Jasper on September 14. Clark Builders will begin work this fall, but will pause in late November to resume in the spring. The joint school will open in September 2014.

École La Prairie (Red Deer)

On September 25, trustee Nicole Lorrain, principal Jean Doyon and school council representatives

attended the announcement that Clark Builders and Stantec will be responsible for the design and construction of 12 schools in central Alberta, including École La Prairie. Construction will start in spring 2013 and be completed in summer 2014.

École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert)

Chair Paul Dumont and superintendent Henri Lemire continue their talks with Greater St. Albert Catholic regarding the possibility of building a high school in St. Albert. However, given the difficulty in identifying a suitable site for a joint school of 1,200 to 1,400 students, the Board is simultaneously pursuing discussions with the City of St. Albert for a suitable site for a distinct grades 7-12 school. The first choice remains the site Kingswood site, but the Board is open to considering other sites in the city.

Installation of Modus mobile classroom at École Notre Dame (Edmonton)

The Board will seek reimbursement for the cost of moving and installing a mobile classroom moved from Red Deer to École Notre-Dame in order to accommodate the growing enrolment at the school. The classroom had to be removed from the current site of École La Prairie since it encroached on the construction area of the new school.

École Boréal (Fort McMurray)

Work will soon resume to complete exterior work at the school.

2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school calendars

The Board received letters from parents expressing their discontent with the present school calendar mainly because in Sherwood Park there are no classes the week of November 12, 2012. They want the school board to adopt a similar approach in November 2013. Usually, the Board initiates discussion on the new calendar in January / February. The superintendent will consult with the principals relative to this matter.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting and the annual organizational meeting of the Board will be held at La Cité francophone on Thursday, October 25 at 5: 30 p.m.