

## School Council Delegation from École Citadelle

Mélanie Thibault, president of the École Citadelle school council, and three other parents presented three concerns. The parents requested: a) that the school secretary position be a full-time appointment and that a half-time librarian be added; b) that split classes be eliminated; c) that the Board identify as second priority in its capital plan the construction of a new school to replace the current school, the oldest among all of the Board's schools.

## 2013-2014 School Calendar

The Board adopted the 2013-2014 school calendar. Key dates are: August 28: first day of operation; September 3: first day of instruction; November 8-12: fall break for students; December 23 - January 3: Christmas vacation; March 31 - April 4: spring break; April 16 to 21: Easter vacation; June 26: last day for students; June 27: last day for teachers.

## 2013 Census of Electors

In accordance with Policy B-2021, the Board decided to use the results of the 2010 census to determine the number of catholic and public school trustees to be elected in the October 2013 elections. Consequently, there will be two public and five catholic school trustees chosen at the next election.

## École Citadelle

On December 19 and 20, representatives from the Greater St. Albert School District and the Greater North-Central Francophone School District participated in a Value Management study to consider the future of the two schools in Legal, their curricular programs and capital needs. The option that all agreed upon was to completely renovate Legal School as well as adding spaces and a gymnasium specifically for École Citadelle, thereby housing both schools in the same facility.

Alberta Education has awarded \$58,734 to pay for last year's lease for the use of space by École Citadelle in the community centre administered by ACFA Centralta. This is the same amount as in previous years.

## École Joseph-Moreau

The Board has submitted architectural specifications to Alberta Education in order to modernize Ritchie School. Costs are estimated at \$11 million for a new heating and ventilation system, eight new classrooms, gymnasium expansion and construction of a new library, foyer and main entrance, staging area and administrative offices.

## École Desrochers

Architectural plans are 90% completed. The Jasper Advisory Committee will be convened shortly to choose the colours and construction materials for the new school.

## Visit of David Dorward, MLA

The Board chairperson, Karen Doucet, spent the day of January 16 visiting all four schools in southeast Edmonton with the MLA for Gold Bar, David Dorward. He was very impressed with the welcome he received, the talents demonstrated by the students and the relevance of their questions.

## Congratulations to the Robotics Teams of École Joseph-Moreau and École Maurice-Lavallée

The team of 11 Grade 9 students from École Joseph-Moreau won the First Lego League competition at NAIT and received an invitation to the North American Championship next May in California. Congratulations also to the robotics team at École Maurice-Lavallée who came in second at the FIRST Tech Challenge competition in Red Deer. As a result, they will be able to attend the international competition to be held in St. Louis, Missouri in April.

## **Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)**

The ASBA is organising information sessions "Is school trusteeship for me?" for all potential candidates considering running in the next school board elections to be held October 21, 2013. A session will be offered in Red Deer at the Sheraton Hotel on Monday, April 22 and another in Edmonton on April 26 at the Royal Glenora Club.  
[http://www.asba.ab.ca/trustee\\_election13.asp](http://www.asba.ab.ca/trustee_election13.asp)

A reminder that nomination day is September 23, 2013.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the school board will be at La Cité francophone on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:00 PM.