

New school for Alexandre-Taché

On May 2, the Alberta Government announced the construction of a new 350-student junior/senior high school for Alexandre-Taché. Premier Alison Redford made the announcement at a gathering of Zone 23 representatives. The Board expressed its gratitude to the Province for granting of a new francophone school in St. Albert. Also, Trustees applauded the tireless and determined work of the parent committee for their effort in the acquisition of the school scheduled to open in September 2016.

2013-2014 Budget

The Board approved the 2013-2014 budget based on projected revenues of \$41,832,448, expenses of \$42,122,139 resulting in an anticipated deficit of \$289,691.

2013-2014 school fees

Trustees approved school fees for the 2013-2014 school year:

| | K \$ | 1-6 \$ | 7-9 \$ | 10-12 \$ |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Book rental | 85 | 50 | 90 | 105 |
| Activities | | 15 | 25 | 25 |
| Deposit | | | | 30 |
| Total | 85 | 65 | 115 | 160 |
| Optional courses | | | 60 | 60 |
| Outdoor Education 20/30 (optional) | | | | 110 |

Delegates from school councils

Marie-France Lachaine, president of École Saint-Christophe's school council, gave a presentation via videoconference on the need for a new gymnasium.

The president of École publique Gabrielle-Roy's school council, Ibrahim Karidio, and school council spokesperson, Christopher Kukla, expressed their concern about the number of students considered too high in grades K-1-2.

They claim it affects the quality of education, the importance of early childhood development, the need for differentiated instruction, and inhibits the school from welcoming new students during the school year.

Value management study for both Legal schools
The Board received the report: "Value Scoping Review of the Proposed Redevelopment of École Citadelle and Legal School, Legal Alberta". The study was conducted on December 19 and 20, 2012, in Legal. The goal was to examine the future possibilities of these institutions, their programming and capital needs. The most cost-effective solution among those proposed would consist of a complete renovation of Legal School and the addition of equivalent space and a gymnasium specifically for École Citadelle so as to accommodate both schools under one roof. This joint project could take 5 to 7 years to materialize.

Francophone college program

The Board will write to the Acting Provost of the University of Alberta opposing his decision to suspend the new bilingual business administration program, Techniques d'administration des affaires, that was to begin at the Centre collegial de l'Alberta in September 2013. The francophone community is mobilizing around this decision considered unjust. CDÉA, ACFA and Canadian Parents for French are sponsoring a petition to be delivered to the President of the University of Alberta and Deputy Prime Minister Thomas Lukaszuk.

http://www.petitions24.net/proteger_le_centre_collegial_de_lalberta

Accountability Pillar results

Trustees annually review the Accountability Pillar results. Alberta Education provides this information to school authorities to measure their success and evaluate their progress towards achieving their stated learning goals. The data enables authorities to measure the same factors in the same way at the same time, thus providing a more accurate and timely portrait.

Results are reported in two main categories: a) qualitative results based on surveys of students and parents in grades 4-7-10 levels, and all teachers; b) quantitative results based on tests and examinations, reports, facts, etc.

For Centre-Nord, three areas are considered "Excellent": Safe and caring schools, Dropout rate and Citizenship. Three areas are considered an "Issue": Education Quality, Diploma Results and Transition rate. The other 10 categories are considered "good" or "acceptable."

School administration appointments

The Board ratified the superintendent's recommendation to appoint Danielle Elliott as principal of École Saint-Christophe for a one-year probationary term, from August 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014.

2013-2016 Capital Plan

Following the announcement of a new school in St. Albert, the Board amended its 2013-2016 Capital Plan. The priorities are now: 1) & 2) acquisition and eventual modernization of École Joseph-Moreau; 3) & 4) temporary expansion in the Legal Community Centre, then the modernization of a joint facility; 5) an elementary starter school in Beaumont; 6) a new school in Wainwright; 7) an essential modernization of Gabrielle-Roy; 8) the purchase of central offices; 9) an elementary school in Sherwood Park.

École Alexandre-Taché

The Board will ask the City of St. Albert to transfer a developed site as soon as possible for the construction of École Alexandre-Taché.

School site for Wainwright

The Board will request that the Town of Wainwright reserve an adequate site for the eventual construction of a new school for École Saint-Christophe.

Internet Savvy

In February, the Board asked the Minister of Human Services, Dave Hancock, to translate a new website, Internet Savvy, since it raises awareness of students and parents. The Minister responded favorably to the request.

Breakfast Club Canada

Congratulations to school principal Nancy Roy, staff and school council at École À la Découverte for obtaining funding through "Breakfast Club of Canada". Thanks to the efforts of former principal Mireille Prévost and requests for private donations from the francophone community, the school will be offering hot breakfasts to students starting September 2013. This is the 12th school in Edmonton to get such support from "Breakfast Club of Canada".

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 6 p.m. at La Cité francophone.