

Parent delegation

Two parents from École Alexandre-Taché school acquisition committee, Simon Paradis and Tom Sutton, thanked the Board for supporting their efforts in obtaining a new high school that will open in September 2016. Their committee will appoint members to the advisory committee during the design of the building.

Communications Plan

The Board adopted the 2013-2016 Strategic Communications Plan. Trustees were informed of the plan resulting from focus group meetings led by the communications coordinator, Denise Lavallée, with the support of communications consultant Marie-France Gaumont.

New school for Alexandre-Taché

The Board will ask the Minister of Education to review the decision to build École Alexandre-Taché based on a maximum capacity of 350 students (300 to start) despite real projections of 340 students in 2021-2022. Alberta Education does not seem to have considered that École Alexandre-Taché has three feeder schools: École La Mission (St. Albert), École Père-Lacombe (Edmonton North) and École Citadelle (Legal). The Board's request was for a school with 400 student capacity based on projections of 342 students in 2021, excluding potential students.

Administration appointments

The Board ratified the Superintendent's recommendation for the following positions for a term of four (4) years from 2013 to 2017:

- Claude Viel, principal at École La Mission
- Kim St. André-Brady, principal at École Maurice-Lavallée
- Nancy Roy, principal at École À la Découverte
- Dolorèse Nolette, director of *Réseau en adaptation scolaire*

Vice-principal appointments

Superintendent Henri Lemire informed the trustees that Grant Paterson at École La Prairie and Marielle Perich at École Notre-Dame have completed their probationary year and will be assigned as vice-principal of their respective schools for a term of two years: 2013-2014 to 2015-2016. Lisa Magera was appointed vice-principal of École Citadelle for a probationary period of one school year: 2013-2014.

Site for construction – École Alexandre-Taché

On June 14, the St. Albert JUA School Site Allocation Committee adopted two resolutions: one that confirms the transfer of the Erin Ridge North site to St. Albert Public Schools, and one that confirms the transfer of the Erin Ridge site to Centre-Nord. This site is zoned for a school, developed, and located near the hospital and near two major arteries.

Lease renewal ACFA Centralta/École Citadelle

Board trustees and executive members of ACFA Centralta signed a new lease for school space in the community centre. The first 10-year lease ended in summer 2011, followed by a renewal agreement which expired on June 30, 2012. The third agreement for the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 includes a rent increase of \$10,000. Finally, the next lease from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017 with two renewal options of one year includes a provision that Centre-Nord provide janitorial services and rental costs of \$65,000 per year for the first four years. Finally, Centre-Nord will build a 18 'X 24' warehouse attached to the gym for exclusive use and possession by the ACFA in exchange for the exclusive use of the existing warehouse.

Suspended work at École Citadelle

More than a year after submitting an application for funding to Alberta Education to carry out minor work at École Citadelle, the Board has not received an answer despite the fact that the value of the initial application has been reduced.

School site for École Saint-Christophe

The Board wrote to the City of Wainwright requesting to reserve a plot of adequate size for the possible construction of a new École Saint-Christophe. The city responded that it reserved the Enstrom site for future new schools. No portion of the site will be transferred until a school authority has received confirmation of funding from the provincial government. In this event, the city will subdivide a portion according to the school area.

Superintendent Henri Lemire met the MLA for Battle River-Wainwright and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Doug Griffith, who is interested in the parents' concerns about École Saint-Christophe, particularly the inadequacy of the gym.

Edmonton Catholic Schools Capital Plan

Edmonton Catholic Schools recently adopted its Capital Plan, which proposes a new joint elementary school Immersion/Francophone in southwest Edmonton. The Council adopted an amendment to its own capital plan to include such an eventuality.

Funding for Réseau en adaptation scolaire

Next year, *Réseau en adaptation scolaire* (specialized student services) will receive \$795,496 – the same amount as this year – for its services in 34 francophone schools in Alberta.

Funding for distance learning

Alberta Education has confirmed transition funding of \$450,000 in 2013-2014 presented to Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta for the continuation of Alberta's francophone distance learning centre : *Centre francophone d'éducation à distance*.

Federal funding – Official Languages Programs 2013-2018

Alberta Education has confirmed that federal funding for five school authorities would be \$2,654,426 usually invested to support full-day kindergarten, community coordinators, promotion, etc.

2013-2014 Funding Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR)

Alberta Education has confirmed that the Board will receive \$378,078 next year compared to \$457,252 in 2012-2013 (\$468,995 – 2011-2012), a reduction of \$79,174. This amount is used for the maintenance of school buildings.

Health and Safety

The Board's emergency response system was tested during the tornado warning on June 12. Overall, the procedures of our Zero Hour program were properly implemented. Affected schools had students in safe places and delayed bus service until the warning was lifted at 4 p.m. Parents were notified by two SynreVoice messages. Overall, all went smoothly and the Board thanked schools and office staff for managing the incident so well.

Next meeting of the Board

The next regular Board meeting will be held at La Cité francophone on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 6 p.m.