

Auditor's 2012-2013 financial statement

Trustees approved the audited financial statement presented by Shannon Troke and Brenda McDonald from King & Company Chartered Accountants. For fiscal year 2012-2013, the Board reported a surplus of \$260,608 on revenues of \$43,102,082 and expenses of \$42,841,474. As at August 31, 2013, Greater North Central had \$2,020,525 in accumulated surpluses.

This is the first surplus since 2008-2009 allowing the Board to meet one of its objectives to stop generating deficits and depleting reserves. Part of the surplus is due to the unexpected increase in the average number of CEUs earned by high school students. Also, the transportation grant was higher than expected since more students were living in rural areas than in past years. It was noted that Alberta Education's administration envelope allows Centre-Nord was \$2.52 million, but administration only spent \$1.48 million last year thus providing an additional \$1.0 million reinvestment in classrooms.

Three-year Education Plan and Annual Education Report

The Board adopted the 2013-2016 Three-year Education Plan and the 2012-2013 Annual Education Results Report. Both documents are posted on the Board's website www.centrenord.ab.ca

Budget 2013-2014

The Board adopted a preliminary budget last May and its final budget for fiscal 2013-2014 in November with a projected surplus of \$330,000. Trustees approved the following changes to the current year's budget:

- Renewed service agreement for junior/senior high school École Boréal students attending two Fort McMurray Public schools
- Addition of two school buses to reduce very long routes
- Moving two portable classrooms from Jasper to Edmonton
- Due to the construction of three new schools, an increase in administrative time for school principals at Alexandre-Taché, Desrochers and La Prairie
- Hire a director of transportation, operations and maintenance
- Retain a contract position for planning future school sites throughout the Board's territory

Request for Modus modular classrooms

The Board approved an administration recommendation to seek modular classrooms subject to the approval of Alberta Education (in order of priority): Gabrielle-Roy (2); Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc (8); Père-Lacombe (2); Notre Dame (1). School authorities must annually submit their applications in November for Modus modular classrooms. The selection criteria are health/safety, growth in enrolments and other considerations.

C2 Joint Committee

The Board received the C2 Committee's initial report and Action Plan. The Committee will meet at least twice more this year. Meanwhile, the Superintendent will present a preliminary response to trustees at the January 21 meeting.

2014-2015 school calendar

Given that the two other school boards in Edmonton are considering changing their school calendar to designate the week of November 10 to 14 as a holiday for students, Centre-Nord will wait before adopting its 2014-2015 school calendar.

Erin Ridge site for future École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert)

The Board is awaiting a decision from the City of St. Albert in support of its suggestion that the school be built on the northwest parcel at the corner of Eldorado Drive and Erin Ridge Drive.

On November 20, the province announced that it had selected a single tender from the Build to Learn consortium for the construction of École Alexandre-Taché and 18 other schools.

Renovations at École Citadelle (Legal)

Work started in July is now complete allowing the school to transfer their sports equipment into the new storage room and to relocate the secretarial and administration functions into the community centre during the Christmas holidays. Alberta Education has still not committed to financing this work.

Next Board meeting

The next regular Board meeting of the Board will be held at La Cité francophone on January 21, 2014 at 6 p.m.