

Parent delegation from Centre-Nord public schools

Marc-André Parisien, representing parents from École publique Gabrielle-Roy, submitted a brief describing their perception of the Board's systemic inequity in funding allocations for its public and catholic schools. He added that it had been difficult for them to access information from the administration. The parents are asking for an impartial survey to be conducted before the adoption of the next Capital Plan, and a survey of all parents in regards to the make-up of Centre-Nord's board of trustees. As such, they are requesting an equal number of elected public/catholic trustees by the next school election, or sooner.

School council delegation from École À la Découverte

Johanne Rochefort, school council representative, presented a PowerPoint on the educational and physical conditions of the school. She submitted a petition signed by 67 families, 109 children and a total of 174 signatures asking that the school be relocated in a larger, more adequate facility.

Strategic planning

As part of its 20th anniversary, the Board formed an ad hoc committee responsible for organizing a strategic planning process, including an engagement and community consultation event on May 2-3, 2014.

Possibility of opening a francophone school in Beaumont

The Board will inform Alberta Education that it will study the feasibility of opening a francophone school in Beaumont in September 2014.

School Calendar 2014-2015

Centre-Nord must await the publication of the Edmonton Public School calendar before ratifying its own calendar for the next school year. EPSB will likely finalize its calendar in March.

École Citadelle

MLA Maureen Kubinec, member for Barrhead – Morinville – Westlock, will make an announcement at École Citadelle in Legal at 1:00 pm on January 31.

École Desrochers

Both the operations and programming draft agreements between GYPSD and Centre-Nord were reviewed by the two school principals and superintendents, Cory Gray and Henri Lemire. The agreements will be submitted to Legal Services at ASBA and later presented to staff and school councils in Jasper. Trustees plan to meet their counterparts in Grande Yellowhead in March, resulting in the ratification of the final agreements.

Renewal of Superintendent's contract

The Board ratified the Human Resources Committee's recommendation to renew Henri Lemire's contract as Superintendent of Schools, subject to Ministerial approval and mutual agreement on a contract.

Agreement with the union Unifor

The Board ratified the agreement concluded with the janitors' union, Unifor, covering the period from September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2016.

Congratulations to Michel Gariépy, robotics teacher

Congratulations to both robotics teams at École Maurice-Lavallée who won first and second spots at the provincial First Tech Challenge (FTC) competition on January 11. The teams will represent Alberta at the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship being held in St. Louis, Missouri, from April 23 to 26.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at La Cité francophone on February 25, 2014, at 6 p.m.