

School opening in Beaumont

The Board will provide notice to the Minister of Education of its intention to open a Francophone elementary school in Beaumont in September 2014. The school principal position will be filled in May.

New school request for À la Découverte

In view of the local school authorities' inability to identify adequate space within the required timeframe to relocate École À la Découverte into more suitable facilities, the Board will ask the Minister of Education to build a new public school in north Edmonton.

École Gabrielle-Roy school council

Ibrahim Karidio, president of the school council, requested that the \$189,000 from the future sale of a plot of land to the City for the LRT be given to the school council for their playground project estimated at \$520,000.

École Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc school council

France Laurin, spokesperson for the school council, asked the Board to raise school fees to enable the school to purchase more educational material, offer more outings, workshops and cultural activities, and increase the number of classroom resources.

2019 Canada Winter Games

By way of supporting the bid committee for the 2019 Canada Winter Games, the Board agreed in principle to close École La Prairie during the Winter Games if the City of Red Deer is successful in hosting the games. The Board delegated Nicole Lorrain as its representative on the Winter Games Legacy Committee.

Provisional 2014-2015 school calendar

The Board agreed in principle with the proposed 2014-2015 school calendar. School administrators will be consulted regarding the outline of the proposed calendar. The official calendar will be adopted at the Board's April meeting.

- Teachers return to work: August 27-28-29
- Students return to school: Tuesday, September 2
- Fall break: from November 7 to 11 for the students; November 10 and 11 for staff
- Christmas break: from Friday, December 19 to Monday, January 5
- Spring break: from Monday, March 30 to Tuesday, April 6
- End of the school year: Friday, June 26 for students (yet to be determined for staff)

Agreement to recognize the principles of the Lloydminster Charter

The Board will request a meeting with the Minister of Education asking that Alberta Education: a) approve an agreement with the Fransaskois school board, including the principles of the Lloydminster Charter regarding the funding and governance of École Sans-Frontières; b) Alberta Education grants for the instruction and transportation of students living in the Alberta side of Lloydminster for reimbursing the Conseil scolaire fransaskois (Fransaskois School Board) for the last three school years; c) participate in a meeting to find a solution to the lack of school representation from eligible parents living on the Alberta side of Lloydminster.

École Joseph-Moreau

Even without an official confirmation by the Minister of Education regarding the transfer of Ritchie School, a Value Scoping exercise will examine the building and land in order to decide whether École Joseph-Moreau should be modernized or replaced with a new school on the existing site. The Value Scoping will take place at the school on March 26, with officials from Alberta Infrastructure and Education, members of the school and district staff, and school council representatives.

ERRATUM – École À la Découverte

Administration apologizes for the error in the Board Highlights of the January 21 meeting in which it was written: “She (Johanne Rochefort, president of the À la Découverte school council) presented a petition signed by 67 families, 109 children and a total of 174 signatures requesting that the school be relocated.” The text should have read, “She presented a petition signed by about fifty families from the school and members of the community for a total of 174 signatures.”

Nicole Létourneau

Congratulations to Nicole Létourneau who will receive the Excellence in Catholic Education Award, awarded annually by the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta to an educator in every Catholic school jurisdiction.

Date of the next meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at La Cité Francophone on Tuesday, April 29, at 6 p.m.