

## Francophone School in Beaumont

The Board confirmed the appointment of Sonia Durand as principal of Beaumont’s new Francophone school. She assumed her full-time assignment on May 5. To facilitate and accelerate enrolment, the services of Émilie McDonald-Légère were retained.

The school catchment area has yet to be determined, but will be in the near future, pursuant to consultations between the principal and concerned families, particularly in Ellerslie and Summerside.

## 2014-2015 School Calendar

The Board adopted the official academic calendar for 2014-2015.

### 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Month	Professional Development Days	School Holidays	Working Days	Instruction
August	27-28-29		3	0
Sept.	19	1	21	20
Oct.	10	13	22	21
Nov.	7	10-11	18	17
Dec.		22-5 Jan.	15	15
Jan.	30		20	19
Feb. conference	5-6	16	19	17
March	9	30-31	20	19
April	20	1-2-3 and 6	18	17
May	15	18	20	19
June	29		21	20
Total	13		197	184

## Inspiring Education

Trustees familiarized themselves with the documents issued by Alberta Education on the transformation of the provincial education system. The Board respects the Ministerial Order (May 2013) with regard to transformation of the system, notably:

- I. The curriculum will be increasingly focused on relevant and important learning outcomes.
- II. The foundations—numeracy and literacy—will be better integrated into each subject and each course to promote heightened proficiency in these basic skills.
- III. Teaching and acquisition of essential 21st century skills, the 3 E’s (engaged thinkers, ethical citizens and entrepreneurial spirit) such as applying concepts, problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration and communication will be integrated into basic concepts and notions.

The trustees support the position advocated by Alberta Education as well as the ASBA recommendation whereby it is vital to the success of *Inspiring Education* that school authorities receive the pedagogical resources and professional development required to support teachers in implementing the new curriculum.

## Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l’Alberta (FCSFA)

The FCSFA had requested that Minister Johnson review the document *Affirming Francophone Education* (2001), submitting that it needs to be revisited to better reflect the new realities of

Francophone education. Trustees were disappointed to learn that Minister Johnson declined the request made by Alberta's four Francophone school Authorities.

### Sale of Land Parcel at École Gabrielle-Roy

The Board agreed to sell 0.31 acres located in the northern part of the École Gabrielle-Roy property (8728-93 Ave) to the city of Edmonton for \$189,000. Minister Johnson approved the sale while reminding the Board that it must abide by the Disposition of Property Regulation AR 181/2010, which stipulates that profits must be applied to a new school or renovation of an existing school.

### École À la Découverte

The Board wrote to the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) requesting the latter's assistance in identifying a school that might be declared vacant, given that the province approved construction of a replacement school conditional on EPSB closing three schools. EPSB replied that they will review all vacant sites in 2015 and that they are exploring three areas of the city for the construction of a new school. Meanwhile, EPSB authorized the construction this summer of a classroom in the library at École À la Découverte to accommodate growing enrolment.

### Capital Plan 2014-2017

The Board adopted the three-year Capital Plan.

1. **Joseph-Moreau:** Acquisition of Ritchie School and construction of a replacement school.
2. **À la Découverte:** Construction of a new K-9 school in north-central Edmonton.
3. **Citadelle:** Construction of a replacement school at an alternative site with possible partnership with the Town of Legal, or expanding and modernizing Legal School to accommodate École Citadelle.

4. **Saint-Christophe:** Construction of a replacement school at a new location in Wainwright.
5. **Gabrielle-Roy:** Developing plans for the replacement of heating and ventilation systems; renovating the lobby and administration area; performing other needed work.
6. **Beaumont:** Construction of a K-6 school following the opening of a start-up elementary school in September 2014.
7. **Sherwood Park:** Construction of a K-6 elementary school in Sherwood Park.
8. **Maurice-Lavallée:** Renovation of the cafeteria; renovation of the lobby to make it safer and more welcoming; upgrading the heating and ventilation systems.
9. **Elementary school:** Construction of a new elementary school in southwestern Edmonton.
10. **Boréal:** Renovating the lobby to make it more secure and welcoming.
11. **District office:** Acquisition of a building to accommodate the district office.

### Director of Operations, Transportation and Security

Roger Lamontagne was appointed to this new position and assumed his duties on April 28. Architect and project manager by profession, he boasts extensive experience in the field of construction, including health and safety and project management.

### École Alexandre-Taché (St. Albert)

School principal Marcel Ouellette will be on unpaid leave next year. Katherine Deren, currently the school's teacher representative, will serve as interim principal.

## Projet ESPOIR

Alberta Mental Health has confirmed that the mental health program, Projet ESPOIR, will be renewed for a three-year period. The funding level will remain relatively unchanged.

## Date of Next Meeting

The next **regular meeting** will take place at La Cité francophone on Tuesday, May 20 at 6 pm.