

École Alexandre-Taché

On June 19, the provincial government announced that it was terminating the P3 approach for the construction of new schools, one of them being École Alexandre-Taché in St. Albert. The main implication is that Alberta Infrastructure does not believe it is possible to build 19 schools in time for their opening in September 2016. Board administration recommended asking the government to grant funding for Centre-Nord to build the school following selection processes for an architectural firm and a general contractor. Consequently, the Board authorized administration to undertake the construction of École Alexandre-Taché to ensure its completion in time for its official opening in September 2016.

Agreement between Grande Yellowhead Public Regional Schools (GYPSD) and Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord

Trustees adopted the operational and educational agreements between Grande Yellowhead Regional Public Schools and Centre-Nord for the joint management of École Desrochers and Jasper Junior Senior High School. GYPSD adopted the agreements on June 18.

Francophone school in Camrose

The Board reaffirmed its decision to open a Kindergarten to grade 6 francophone school in Camrose beginning in September 2014.

The Board authorized Administration to negotiate a five-year lease with the Camrose Open Door Association and to contact Alberta Education to obtain lease support.

Francophone school in Beaumont

The Board will offer the choice of either Catholic Education instruction or the Ethics and Religious Culture course to all students attending Beaumont's francophone school in 2014-2015.

Introduction of the Ethics and Religious Culture program at École Boréal

The Board authorized the introduction of the Ethics and Religious Culture course at École Boréal allowing parents to enroll their children in either the Catholic Education course or the Ethics and Religious Culture course.

École Citadelle

Recently, Board chairs and superintendents from Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools and Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord resumed discussion on the Value Management study conducted in December 2012; it has remained essentially static since. The parties agreed to form a committee to organize a public forum allowing Legal and area parents and citizens to participate in a community consultation in mid-October.

Update on Joint C2 Committee

The Joint C2 Committee reviewed its work plan that outlines priorities identified by district teachers. Committee members identified further action in committee work, lesson plans and behavior management.

The Committee took note of a preliminary list of initiatives undertaken or supported by the Board in order to reduce teacher and principal workload. Members are satisfied with the work done so far and the spirit of cooperation in which the work has evolved. The next meeting will be held in the fall of 2014.

Denise Lavallée's departure

It is with regret that trustees learned that Denise Lavallée accepted a position as Community Liaison Officer at the Francophone Secretariat. She worked for the Board for six years. Her position in recruitment, promotion and communication will be announced soon.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting will be held at La Cité francophone on Tuesday, August 26 at 6 p.m.