

Official student enrolments

Last year, Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord had 2,806 students. The Board budgeted for an additional 134 students, for a total of 2,940 students. Current enrolments stand at 3,035 students in K-12, representing an increase of 237 (8.2%) over last year. Since the beginning of the school year, the Board has hired the equivalent of 2.6 student aides and five teachers, with two more teachers to be hired at À la Découverte and Père-Lacombe.

Schools	Sept. 30, 2013 Enrolments	Sept. 30, 2014 Enrolments
Citadelle	136	132
Boréal	144	150
La Prairie	134	140
Notre-Dame	248	280
Père-Lacombe	279	314
Gabrielle-Roy	422	461
Ste-Jeanne-d'Arc	448	416
Maurice-Lavallée	229	227
La Mission	142	163
Desrochers	45	58
Saint-Christophe	65	42
À la Découverte	109	136
Alexandre-Taché	151	160
Joseph-Moreau	254	268
Beaumont		64
Camrose		24
Total	2,806	3,035

Ad Hoc Committee on professional integration

On October 7, the Board created an Ad Hoc Committee on professional integration. Committee members Kevin Bell, Karen Doucet, Ismaïl Osman-Hachi and Henri Lemire will meet on October 22 to establish a framework for the committee whose mandate will end by May 15, 2015. The framework will include a name for the committee, its mandate, composition and frequency of meetings. The Board will approve the framework at its regular meeting in November.

Announcement of new schools and modernizations

On October 8, the Government of Alberta announced the construction of 55 new schools and 70 major modernizations. The Board will express its disappointment and dissatisfaction to the Minister of Education for not responding positively to its Capital Plan priorities: Joseph-Moreau, À la Découverte and Citadelle.

Modular Classroom Program requests

The Board will request modular classrooms for the following schools in order priority, subject to approval by Alberta Education:

1. À la Découverte (2)
2. Père-Lacombe (2)
3. Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc (4 to replace and 2 new)
4. Notre-Dame (1 to reimburse and 2 new)
5. Gabrielle-Roy (2 to reimburse)

École La Prairie

The official opening of École La Prairie will be held on October 29, 2014 at 10:30 am. MLA Cal Dallas, Red Deer-South, will represent the Government of Alberta at the event.

École Citadelle

Faced with a lack of commitment from Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools to proceed with a joint school in Legal, the Board won't pursue the options identified in the Value Management Study conducted in December 2012. Accordingly, the Board removed this motion: "100-12-13 Ginette Martel moved that the Board receive the Value Scoping Review for the proposed redevelopment of École Citadelle and Legal School in Legal, Alberta."

École Alexandre-Taché

The Board mandated administration to negotiate and sign with Alberta Education, Workun Garrick and other consultants all contracts required for the construction of École Alexandre-Taché in St. Albert. Alberta Education is awarding \$14,689,604 for the new school opening in September 2016. The funding does not cover equipment and furnishings.

École francophone de Beaumont

The Board wrote to the previous Minister of Education Jeff Johnson last January requesting lease support for École francophone de Beaumont at the same funding level afforded for Académie St. André Academy. On August 18, the deputy minister informed the Board that the department would reimburse \$130,000 yearly, a shortfall of \$200,000 (the three-year lease is for \$330,000 per year). The Board will challenge this unfair decision.

École francophone de Camrose

The Appeal Board of the City of Camrose approved an extension until August 2015 to conduct a Traffic Impact Assessment.

Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal funding

Infrastructure Alberta confirmed that the 2014/2015 IMR Allocation has been set at \$915,471. This funding is allocated to school boards primarily to update buildings, to bring them to health and safety standards, and to replace outdated installations.

Red Deer land acquisition

The Board received and approved the conceptual plan for the Red Deer High School joint site. The Board thanks the City of Red Deer for its leadership and all the partners for their collaboration and engagement toward the realization of the project.

Congratulations to trustee Ismaïl Osman-Hachi

Trustees congratulated Ismaïl Osman-Hachi for his nomination as a member of the Council for the Advancement of African People in Canada.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled on November 25, at 6:00 pm at Cité francophone.