

Gauging parent interest for a francophone school in Sherwood Park

Trustees wish to consult parents from Sherwood Park and area regarding the possibility of a new school in their community beginning in 2015-2016. A public information evening will be held next month in Sherwood Park to determine the level of interest and the feasibility of the project.

École Citadelle

The Board received a retroactive payment of \$400,000 for renovations undertaken at École Citadelle (Legal) last year. A new classroom, an equipment storage, a refurbished administration suite and infirmary were added. Also, the fire alarm and intercom systems between the school and the community centre were retrofitted.

Approval of seven portable classrooms

The provincial government approved seven new portable classrooms for École À la Découverte, Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc, Père-Lacombe and Notre-Dame in 2015-2016.

2015-2016 School calendar

The Board approved the Edmonton 2015-2016 school calendar. The other calendars will be released shortly by administration. The relevant dates are:

- Back to school for teachers: September 1 to September 4.
- Back to school for students: September 8.
- Fall break for students and staff: November 11, 12 and 13.
- Christmas break: December 19 to January 3.
- Spring break: March 25 to April 3.
- Last day of school for students: June 28.
- Last day of work for teachers: June 29.

Nicole Lorrain appointed to Canada Winter Games 2019 board of directors

The Red Deer trustee has been selected to serve on the Community at Large board of directors for the 2019 Canada Winter Games being held in Red Deer. Submissions were received from 51 candidates for 10 board positions. Members were selected based on their past experiences as volunteers, their circle of influence and their skills. Ms. Lorrain will be in charge of languages, culture and human resources.

Her nomination will not affect her work as a trustee for the CSCN.

École Alexandre-Taché

Workun Garrick Architects confirmed the schedule of work for the construction of École Alexandre-Taché in St. Albert. The call for proposals will extend from April 15 to May 6, construction will begin on July 18, 2015, and completion is scheduled for July 15, 2016.

Financial profile

The Education department annually releases the financial profile of all Alberta school boards, comparing same-size boards across the province. The 61 jurisdictions have increased their accumulated surplus compared to last year and are now closer (6.63%) to what they were in 2008-2009 (6.61%). At CSCN, the accumulated surplus (5.71%) is lower than in 2008-2009 (8.0%), lower than same-size boards (9.45%) and below the provincial average (6.63%).

Congratulations to Stéphanie Bourgault-Dallaire

Stéphanie is a teacher at École Gabrielle-Roy. She is also the author of a first novel, *Abigaëlle et le date coaching* that will be distributed in March 2015 by Libre Expression publisher. The official launch is on March 25 in Edmonton. Her second novel will be published this fall.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 6 pm at La Cité francophone.

