

## Delegation from École Gabrielle-Roy

A parent representative from École Gabrielle-Roy, Heather Coleman, raised questions relative to some of the Board's orientations.

Governance – When will the Board ask the ministry to establish equal public/catholic representation in time for the 2017 school elections?

Student spaces in public schools – What is the Board's strategy to acquire schools so as to respond to the growing need for student spaces at À la Découverte and Gabrielle-Roy schools?

Secondary schooling in Edmonton area – What is the state of the study on the Board's high schools in the Edmonton area?

Census – When is the Board expected to conduct a census of Francophone parents in order to establish the public/catholic proportion of electors?

Denomination of new schools – Will the Board amend its policy relative to the religious denomination of new schools?

## Capital Plan 2015-2018

The Board approved its 2015-2018 Capital plan.

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| 1. Joseph-Moreau: Acquisition of Ritchie School and construction of replacement school.   |
| 2. À la Découverte: Construction of a new K-9 school in north-central Edmonton  |
| 3. Citadelle: Construction of replacement school on a different site with or without partners, or expand and modernize Legal School to accommodate École Citadelle. |

4. Gabrielle-Roy: Develop plans to replace the ventilation and heating systems; redesign the entrance, reception area and other.
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5. Sherwood Park: Construction of K-6 school in Sherwood Park.
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6. Beaumont: Construction of K-9 school.
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7. Saint-Christophe: Construction of replacement school on a new site.
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8. South West elementary school: Construction of elementary school in south-west Edmonton.
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10. Lloydminster: Construction of new school.
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11. Camrose: Construction of new school.
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12. Maurice-Lavallée: Refurbish Foods room; redesign the entrance and reception area to enhance safety; replace ventilation and heating systems.
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13. Boréal: Redesign entrance to enhance safety.
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14. District office: Acquire building.
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## Appointment of principals for École Sans-Frontières and Sherwood Park

The Board approved the recommendation of the selection committee and superintendent to appoint Michel Lapointe as principal of École francophone de Sherwood Park for a one-year probationary term in 2015-2016.

The Board approved the recommendation of the selection committee and superintendent to appoint Sylvie Bertrand as principal of École Sans-Frontières in Lloydminster for a one-year probationary term in 2015-2016.

## **Saint-Vital parent committee requests the addition of Grade 7 in 2016**

The Board received under advisement a letter from the Saint-Vital school council to add Grade 7 beginning September 2016. Their main argument is the busing time and distance from Beaumont to École Joseph-Moreau or Gabrielle-Roy, and the inability of students to participate in local activities. Parents are afraid that if École Saint-Vital does not offer Grade 7, many students could choose another local school.

The official opening of École Saint-Vital will be held on Wednesday May 27, at 11 a.m. (5505, Magasin Avenue, Beaumont).

## **École Alexandre-Taché**

The sod-turning ceremony for École Alexandre-Taché will be held on Friday, June 19, at 1 p.m. on the site of the future school in Erin Ridge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Budget 2015-2016**

Board senior administrators met with officials from Alberta Education's Governance Division on April 21, to discuss budget 2015-2016. For the first time, all Boards had one hour to explain their financial strategy in the face of the proposed provincial budget and the obligation to respect the Minister's directive to maintain teaching positions at current levels, to submit a balanced budget and to refrain from using accumulated surpluses to alleviate deficits.

## **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday May 19 at 6 p.m. at La Cité francophone.