

## Delegation from École Gabrielle-Roy

Some 40 parents and friends of École Gabrielle-Roy were in attendance to hear school council spokespersons Ibrahim Karidio and Natalie Tymchuk present to the Board regarding public education and the future of École Gabrielle-Roy. They expressed their opposition to moving the elementary students to St. Kevin School. They spoke of the importance of establishing more public schools in north and south Edmonton. They urged the Board to begin planning soon for an equal representation of public and catholic trustees on the Board before the next school elections. Finally, they requested a meeting with some trustees before the end of the school year.

## Delegation of Francophonie jeunesse de l'Alberta (FJA)

Casey Edmunds and Thomas Pomerleau from FJA presented on a special summer project aimed at facilitating the introduction of the new Board's policy *Orientation et identité sexuelle*. FJA expressed its desire to work closely with Centre-Nord to assist francophone schools implement the policy and to support the formation of gay-straight alliances or similar clubs. The project will help students, the Board, schools and staff to be better informed and more sensitive towards sexual minorities and sexual orientation.

Trustees support the initiative whose main goal is to assist students and schools introduce student alliances, while offering training to FJA animators and school staff responsible for such initiatives.

## Future of École Gabrielle-Roy

On May 14, the Board wrote to Edmonton Catholic Schools asking to lease St. Kevin School

for the temporary relocation of students from Gabrielle-Roy beginning in September 2016.

Administration explained that the Board needs to lease St. Kevin School, firstly to provide additional space in response to increasing enrolments at École Gabrielle-Roy and, secondly, as temporary space during the construction of a new school and the modernization of Gabrielle-Roy. Request for a modernization and two new schools are part of Conseil's Capital Plan.

## Comité ad hoc intégration professionnelle

The Board adopted the final report and recommendations submitted by Committee Chair Karen Doucet, the recommendations being:

1. Adopt the 2015-2018 Action Plan to amend the Board's hiring policies, procedures and practices.
2. Explore different ways to maintain communication, consultation and dialogue with cultural communities.
3. Create a contract position in the area of cultural diversity to help the Board and schools be better informed and sensitized to cultural diversity and immigration.
4. Adopt a new policy on cultural diversity and immigration.
5. Define staff profiles relative to essential competencies, as well as linguistic and cultural skills.
6. Support Canadian teachers in the context of cultural diversity and interculturality.
7. Support immigrant teachers in understanding the Canadian education system.

The final report is available (in French): [www.centrenord.ab.ca/rapports/autres](http://www.centrenord.ab.ca/rapports/autres)

## Budget 2015-2016

The Board approved the budget for the 2015-2016 school year based on projected revenues of \$52,792,904 and \$53,435,457 in projected expenses, resulting in a \$642,553 deficit.

## École francophone de Sherwood Park

The Board asked the Minister of Education to help identify an appropriate location to open a francophone school in Sherwood Park in September 2015.

## New school principals

The Board ratified the Superintendent's recommendation to nominate the following principals for a four-year term (2015-2019): Jean Doyon at La Prairie, Sonia Durand at Saint-Vital, Arthur L'Abbé at Notre-Dame, Nicole Pépin at Des Fondateurs and Francine Sarrazin at Saint-Christophe.

The Superintendent announced the nomination of vice-principals for a two-year term (2015-2017): Thomas Choley at À la Découverte and Marielle Perich at Notre-Dame. Heather Coffin will be interim vice-principal at Gabrielle-Roy next year. Two new vice-principals received a probationary one-year contract (2015-2016): Sonia Bélanger at La Mission and Isabelle Legros at Citadelle.

## École Citadelle (Legal)

In March 2015, the Board agreed to participate in a value scoping exercise looking at the future of catholic, public and francophone education in Legal. The exercise was held on June 15 and 16 in Legal, and a public report will be released in September.

## École Alexandre-Taché (Saint-Albert)

Alberta Infrastructure approved full financing for the new school. The tender bids were between \$13,102,000 and \$14,190,000. The contract was offered to the lowest bidder, Synergy Projects Ltd. who will begin construction shortly. The province is also funding \$1,036,722 for furniture and equipment and \$200,000 for CTS, a total of \$1,236,722.

## Grade 12 diploma

Lise Roy-Maxwell from École Alexandre-Taché's school council, wrote to former Education Minister Gordon Dirks asking that the Grade 12 Diploma for francophone graduates have accents on student and school names. The Minister agreed and promised it would be done by April 1. Congratulations to Lise Roy-Maxwell.

## Policy I-9042 – Orientation et identité sexuelle

The Board adopted in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Policy I-9042 - *Orientation et identité sexuelle*.

## Next meeting

The next organizational and regular meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 1 at 6 p.m. at La Cité francophone