

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD MEETING, APRIL 19, 2016



Robert Lessard appointed district superintendent

The Board received the Minister of Education's official approval to appoint Robert Lessard as superintendent of schools of Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord, a five-year mandate beginning August 1st 2016 to July 31, 2021.

Robert Lessard will commence working on May 2, and will officially become the district's next superintendent on August 1st. The current superintendent, Henri Lemire, is retiring at the end of July 2016.

New name for École francophone de Sherwood Park

The Board formalized the name «École Claudette-et-Denis-Tardif» to replace the temporary name for École francophone de Sherwood Park. The name honors the numerous significant contributions made by the Franco-albertan couple who dedicated their careers in support of Francophone and French immersion education in Alberta and Canada.

Mrs. Claudette Tardif was born in Westlock (Alberta) and taught in French immersion for nearly 10 years. She then became a French-language professor for 18 years and the Dean of Campus Saint-Jean for eight years, then vice-president (external relations) at the University of Alberta. Claudette Tardif was appointed to the Senate in 2005. In 2007, she was named Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. Mrs. Tardif is currently chair of the Standing Committee on Official Languages. Her career is evidenced by way of numerous prestigious distinctions and awards, such as l'[Ordre des francophones d'Amérique](#) (2011) and the Officier de la Légion d'honneur française (2016).

Denis Tardif was a teacher at École JH Picard (when it was located in now École Maurice-Lavallée). He served as Assistant Director of Alberta Education's French Language Services Branch. He held the position of Executive Director and President of the provincial French-Canadian Association of Alberta (ACFA). In the early 1990s, he headed a provincial consultation process and study that became the foundation of francophone school governance. Mr. Tardif was also the first chair of the Greater North Central Francophone Education Authority from 1994 to 1999, and eventually became the first Executive Director of the Francophone Secretariat with the Government of Alberta.

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Action plan for a new governing model

The Board adopted a roadmap on egalitarian governance including an action plan with deadlines for community engagement and consultation to be completed in October 2016.

Roadmap for an egalitarian governance model

April to June 2016 – Visits with school councils

September 2016 – Publish information and articles in *Le Franco*; public forum

October 2016 – Survey of electors

November 2016 to February 2017 – Amendments to Board policy on school board elections

École francophone de Sherwood Park

Architects responsible for installing the start-up school expect to go to tender next week, about three weeks behind schedule. Nevertheless, the school will be ready for September.

The Board retained the professional services of Stantec to conduct a traffic impact assessment study around École francophone de Sherwood Park and New Horizons Charter School. The results show that even if both schools were at full capacity, no modifications to intersections would be required, and there are enough parking spaces for cars and school buses.

Conseil will host an Open House at the Strathcona County Community Centre (room 3 at 2001, Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park) on April 26 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. The goal is to present the results of the traffic study, the site plans, building design and catchment area maps.

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Ad Hoc Committee infrastructure and growth

The Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, Nathalie Lachance, recommended that the Board modify its Capital Plan to include a timeline for all projects. Although the Board insists that all 16 projects are of equal importance, on a practical level, it was preferable to clarify its priorities:

CAPITAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASES

PHASE I (2017-2018)	PHASE II (2019-2020)	PHASE III (2021-2022)
Joseph-Moreau 7-9 À la Découverte (Edmonton North) K-9 Citadelle K-9	St-Vital K-9 Edmonton – South-West elementary (public or Catholic) K-6 Edmonton – public high school 7-12	Sherwood Park K-9 Edmonton North – Catholic K-6 Edmonton – South-West elementary (public or Catholic) K-6
PHASE IV (2023-2024)	PHASE V (2025-2026)	PHASE VI (2027-2028)
Gabrielle-Roy K-6 - modernization Maurice-Lavallée 10-12 - modernization Boréal K-12 - modernization	Fondateurs K-12 St-Christophe K-12 - modernization Sans-Frontières K-12	Spruce Grove K-9 Hinton/Edson K-9 Fort Saskatchewan K-9 Administrative office

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École Alexandre-Taché

The corporate chair of Synergy, the contractor building the school, recently confirmed that delay in construction due to an unstable soil conditions and a delay in iron shipping has impacted the readiness of the building such that it will not be completed by

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September 1st. Consequently, the school will move in the new building between November 4 and 13 during a fall holiday, and the students will start in the new school on November 14.

École Joseph-Moreau

Trustees were pleased to learn that École Joseph-Moreau is on the list of unfunded capital projects in the province's 2016 capital plan. The province recognizes that a new École Joseph-Moreau is deemed a top priority. Some of the capital projects will receive funding for preliminary planning in 2016, but the announcement does not specify when construction will be funded.

Modular classrooms in Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc and Père-Lacombe

Three new modular classrooms at Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc, two at Notre-Dame and one at Père-Lacombe are now occupied by students. One last unit remains to be installed at either Notre-Dame or La Mission.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on May 24 at 6 pm at La Cité francophone.

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