

## Reply to Joseph-Moreau’s school council

Trustees adopted a motion in support of Joseph-Moreau’s school council acknowledging the parents request for a school facility equivalent to those available to majority students in the same sector of the city. The motion refers to similar requests received from other district parents. The Board also recognizes that a large number of its students do not have access to equivalent facilities as guaranteed by the Sec. 23 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedom*. Accordingly, the Board will continue to collaborate with the provincial government to better serve students and parents of Public and Catholic schools, and will continue to support their efforts to obtain equivalent infrastructure.

## École francophone de Sherwood Park

The Board mandated administration to work with Strathcona County in order to obtain a permanent site to install École francophone de Sherwood Park.

The Board will retain the services of Stantec to manage an information and consultation process in the New Horizons School neighbourhood before the opening of its start-up school in Sherwood Park in September 2016. This process should be completed by mid-April.

## Grade 7 at Saint-Vital and Des Fondateurs in 2016-2017

The Board confirmed the addition of grade 7 at École Saint-Vital and École des Fondateurs beginning in 2016-2017.

## School designations in Lloydminster and Sherwood Park

According to the *Alberta School Act*, school boards must designate schools as either public or separate (Catholic). Consequently, parents of children enrolled at both new schools voted on their school’s designation.

	Voting ballots sent to each parent	Participati on Rate	Public School	Catholic School
Sans-Frontières	44	24/44 (55%)	19 (79%)	5 (21%)
Sherwood Park	60	49/60 (82%)	26 (53%)	23 (47%)

The Board designated École francophone de Sherwood Park as a public school according to Sec. 255.3 of the Alberta School Act, starting in 2016-2017.

The Board designated École Sans-Frontières as a public school according to Sec. 255.3 of the Alberta School Act, starting in 2016-2017.

## École Citadelle

Trustees received the final report of the second Value Management exercise held on June 15-16, 2015, for schools in Legal. The first study was conducted December 19-20, 2012. The main goal of the exercise was to explore the future needs of schools in Legal, their programming and infrastructure.

The first option is to modernize Legal School, including a partial demolition of the building and the modernization of the entire school, including the addition of a gym for Citadelle and the addition of new space to accommodate Sturgeon SD students. The second option is essentially identical except for the addition of a start-up school on the same site for Sturgeon SD.

At this stage, the three school authorities are not ready to prioritize Legal in their Capital Plan, therefore the Ministry of Education is unlikely to approve either of the options.

### **Governance model for Centre-Nord**

The Board informed Minister Eggen in September of its desire to modify its governance model prior to October 2017 so as to establish a model with equal representation of public and Catholic trustees. The Minister requested more information, but provided no specific instructions. Consequently, the Board will pursue an information and consultation process over the next few months.

### **École Saint-Vital**

The Board received a response from the Minister of Education relative to its request to pay in full the lease for École Saint-Vital in Beaumont. Since last year, the department has paid \$240,972, although the annual lease is \$330,000. Trustees mandated administration to continue negotiating a better agreement with the Department.

### **Building request for À la Découverte**

Following a request from the Board to temporarily lease space in Lawton School to relocate École À la Découverte for September 2016, *Edmonton Public Schools* (EPSB) replied that administration could find space to accommodate the growth in enrolment for September 2016, but without specifying at what school. Trustees authorized the superintendent

to discuss the matter with ministry and EPSB officials in order to clarify their intentions.

### **Public Education Collective Bargaining Act**

On December 18, Minister Eggen invited all 61 school authorities to nominate a representative each to participate in a series of consultative meetings to prepare for the collective agreement negotiations with the Alberta Teachers' Association. Ronald St-Jean was selected to attend three meetings of the *Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association* (TEBA) in January and February.

### **ELEVATE Political Sponsorship Committee**

The Board nominated trustees Karen Doucet and Ismaïl Osman-Hachi to serve on the *ELEVATE Political Sponsorship Committee*, a committee encompassing all three school authorities and the City of Edmonton.

### **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be on February 16, at 6 pm, at La Cité francophone.