

Delegation from École À la Découverte

École À la Découverte's school council secretary Michelle Salomons shared some facts about the school and their short-term expectations. The school first opened at St. Patrick School in 2007 then moving into a wing of Kensington School in 2011. With a current enrolment of 139 students, parents are asking for more space stating the current arrangement does not respect the vision expressed by the Minister of Education. Parents want a permanent building for September 2016, with a better playground, more play structures and enough space to eventually become a K-9 school.

Review of high schools in Greater Edmonton

The Board adopted scenario D of a report "Avenir de l'éducation secondaire deuxième cycle dans le Grand Edmonton". The proposal calls for dividing École Gabrielle-Roy into two groups, one comprised of Kindergarten to grade 6 students and a second comprised of grades 7 to 12 students.

The Board decided that students currently in grades 7 to 12 at Gabrielle-Roy will transfer to another school in 2016-2017.

The Board mandated administration to proceed with the legislative requirements for open a public junior/senior high school according to the Alberta School Act. An information session will be held on Thursday, March 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at St. Kevin School for Gabrielle-Roy parents and school community. An agreement with Edmonton Catholic School District is forthcoming for leasing St. Kevin School in 2016-2017.

The Board stated its intention to have in Edmonton distinct Catholic and public high schools.

EPSB and ECSB surplus school sites

The Board will inform the partners of the Edmonton Joint Use Agreement – Lands (EPSB, ECSB, City of Edmonton) that a request for transfer of Elsinore (176-180 Av / 104 Street) and Matt Berry (5940 – 159 Av) sites, both declared surplus, will be made for the future construction of two francophone schools, one public and one Catholic.

École Joseph-Moreau / Ritchie School Junior High School

The Board approved in principle the offer from Edmonton Public School Board to transfer Ritchie Junior High School to the Board, then will seek the Minister's approval.

École francophone de Sherwood Park

On January 21 the Minister of Education approved the Board's request to continue leasing space for École francophone de Sherwood Park at La Cité francophone until June 30, 2016.

Faye Parker, consultant, submitted a report following a consultation meeting with parents of the school on November 26. The 18 parents shared their concerns regarding the temporary location of the school on New Horizons Charter school site.

Trustees from Centre-Nord and New Horizons Charter School will meet on February 29 to exchange on various topics, including how the installations will be shared.

The Board requested two extra Modus modular units for the start-up school being installed in Sherwood Park this summer, thus bringing the total number of units to 12.

Bus transportation zones for Legal and Morinville

The Board confirmed it will maintain the existing bus transportation zones for Ecole Citadelle.

School calendar 2016-2017

The Board adopted the 2016-2017 school calendar for its Edmonton schools. The calendars for the other schools will be prepared once the local authorities have adopted their own.

- Back to school for teachers: Monday and Tuesday, August 29 and 30.
- Back to school for students: Wednesday, August 31.
- Fall break for staff and students: November 9-10-11.
- Christmas break: Monday, December 26 to Sunday, January 8.
- Spring break: Monday, March 27 to Sunday, April 2.
- Last day of school for students: Wednesday, June 28.
- Last day of work for teachers: Friday, June 30.

Months	PD Days	Holidays	Operation	Instruction
August	29-30		3	1
Sept.	22-23	5	21	19
Oct.	7	10	20	19
Nov.	4	9-10-11	19	18
Dec.	2	26-30	17	16
Jan.		2-6	17	17
Feb.	9-10	20	19	17
March	6	27-31	18	17
April		14, 17	18	18
May	1	22	22	21
June	29-30		22	20
CSCN	13		196	183

École Maurice-Lavallée’s Robotics Team will represent Alberta & Canada at the World Championships

For a fifth consecutive year, the HELIOS team from Maurice-Lavallée and two students from Gabrielle-Roy won the Inspire Award and a participation at the FTC World Championships in St. Louis (Missouri) from April 27 to 30.

Cultural diversity consultant

Hassanatou Samake will assume the position beginning the end of February.

Auditors

The Board approved the nomination of King & Company as auditors for 2015-2016 financial year.

Lease financing request

The Board will ask Alberta Education to reimburse the full amount of its leases at Citadelle (Legal), À la Découverte (Edmonton), Saint-Vital (Beaumont), Fondateurs (Camrose) and Sans-Frontières (Lloydminster) for the next school year.

School bus transportation

The Board requested the installation of the Child Check Mate system by all its bus providers to guarantee that drivers check their bus after each route.

For the health and safety of students and staff, the Board reminded bus carriers to apply safe practices when idling during inclement.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at La Cité francophone on March 22, at 6 pm.