



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting February 19, 2019

#### Delegation from École du Sommet School Council

Executive members from École du Sommet school council made a presentation asking if the Board consults with the Bishop, CÉFFA and ACSTA to get their "recommendations regarding groups like FrancoQueer and Project GSA". In addition, they asked that the Board support and protect the Catholic identity of its schools and carefully examine the resources, groups, leaders and materials that enter the schools.

The Acting Superintendent explained that the responsibility for organizing a meeting requested by the school council with the executive director of Francophonie Jeunesse de l'Alberta, trustees and himself belonged to the school council as it was the only school making that request. He contacted the President and executive director of FJA who would be pleased to meet with the school council to discuss their concerns about the provincial youth organization.

will be reviewed by school councils and staff for feedback prior to the next Board meeting.

#### School Vans

The Board mandated administration to develop an alternative approach to student transportation and to consult school councils and principals regarding the replacement of the school vans. Over the years, CSCE purchased eight vans for its four largest schools. Seven of them are more than nine years old and they are used less frequently than before to transport students to local, regional and provincial extracurricular activities. Administration recommends that trustees consider phasing-out these vehicles. The main reasons being the safety of students and drivers, the age and mileage of the vehicles, the high cost of repairs and insurance, the time needed for pre-trip inspections, and excessive replacement costs.

#### School Calendars 2019-2020

The Board adopted in first reading the 2019-2020 school calendars. A calendar corresponding with that of St. Paul Education was developed for École du Sommet and a second for the other four schools was developed based on Northern Lights SD and Lakeland Catholic. The draft calendars

#### Administrative Guidelines

Trustees will revise three current Administrative guidelines and a new one recommended by administration. The four Guidelines will be distributed to school councils and staff for input. The Board will discuss the Guidelines at its next meeting with the intention of adopting them in



March or April. The Guidelines being revised are: Tobacco-free environment; Principal recruitment; Staff recognition. The new Guideline is Auditions and delegations.

### Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA)

Nathalie Béland, CSCE representative at ACSTA, will serve on a provincial committee charged with updating the *Shared Facilities* document. The purpose of this exercise is to clarify the principles governing the sharing of space and services encouraged by the government in the construction of new schools.

### Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA)

Reginald Roy, CSCE representative at TEBA, informed that there have been no TEBA meetings, either locally or provincially.

### École Sainte-Catherine

Recently, district staff visited Sainte-Catherine's School to identify needed improvements in the event of a transfer of the building from Northern Lights to CSCE. A more comprehensive review of the facility will be conducted by departmental officials on February 28.

### Congratulations to Danielle Morissette

Ms. Morissette, teacher at École Voyageur, retired last December after more than 29 years of service in Cold Lake, including 25 years with CSCE. Parents and staff recognized her contribution by naming "*Bibliothèque Danielle-Morissette*" in her honour.

### Next Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held in St. Paul on Tuesday, March 19 at 16:00.

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*If you wish to secure a spot on the Agenda, either as a delegation or to make your issues known, please do so in writing or by telephone to the superintendent, one week before the meeting's date.*

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