

Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting November 26, 2015

APPROVAL OF 2014-2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Marc Labonté, Secretary-Treasurer, explained that the anticipated deficit of about \$400,000 due to declining enrollment at École du Sommet and Beauséjour for September 14, was less than expected due to the sale of land to SPERD (\$200,000), and significant school generated funds – about \$100,000, whereby \$60,000 were identified for specific projects and \$40,000 were not earmarked for specific projects. Lastly, grant funds of about \$21,000 were also received as revenue for École Sainte Catherine in Lac La Biche.

The board holds an accumulated surplus of 3.36%. The Secretary-Treasurer presented a table outlining the accumulated surplus over the last three years, being 6.16% in 13'-14' and 3.48% in 12'-13'. The Board unanimously adopted the 14'-15' financial statements.

BUDGET 2015-2016

The change from the original budget in June was due to greater than anticipated student enrollment. Funding for hiring a librarian or student support staff was provided to each school according to the schools preference. The Board adopted the revised 15'-16' budget as presented by administration.

FIRST READING ADOPTED: GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE POLICY

Marc Dumont, Superintendent, advised that this policy will need to be adopted by next March according to a letter from the Minister of Education. This policy was developed by Greater North-Central Francophone.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: SOMMET – FRANCE IN SPRING 2016

Marc Dumont presented a letter from École du Sommet regarding the planned trip to France expected next spring. The parents and students involved met Monday, November 24th to determine if the trip should occur following the recent events in Europe. From their perspective, the school wishes to go forward with the project.

The Board is of the opinion that it is essential to obtain more information to make an informed decision. To do this, administration will verify with its insurers as well as members of CASS (College of Alberta School Superintendents) to learn how other boards are handling this issue.



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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER: PROVINCIAL BARGAINING

Marc Dumont presents a message from the Minister for information purposes.

FCSFA

The Board expressed how the meeting of November 15th was very interesting and well represented by CSCE trustees. The "ami de l'éducation francophone" award was presented to Pembina Hills highlighting the fantastic collaboration between ADLC and the CFÉD.

FNCSF

Michèle Dallaire, Board president, was nominated as the president of APÉON (Association des presidents en education de l'ouest et du nord.

ACSTA

Ms. Adriana LaGrange was nominated as president and Mr. John Tomkinson as vice-president.

NEXT MEETING

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.

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