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# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting February 28 and March 21 2017

### Value Management Study: Lac La Biche's Central School

Superintendent Marc Dumont explained that there is no formal indication from Alberta Education regarding the building housing École Ste-Catherine, currently the property of Northern Lights' Public Schools. CSCE will re-state it's wish to have the building for École Ste-Catherine in its capital plan to be submitted March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 2017-2018 School Calendar

The trustees adopted the first draft of the school calendars as presented by administration. These drafts have been shared with all staff and school councils for their feedback and suggestions.

### Transfer of land from Voyageur School to the town of Cold Lake

The process started almost three years ago for the transfer of a portion of École Voyageur's land to the town of Cold Lake is now complete.

### ASBA Rural Education

Currently, the intention to regroup Alberta's rural school boards appears to be growing. The trustees agreed that it is important to know the perspectives and the concerns that such an association of rural school boards would address.

Nevertheless, the Alberta School Boards Association should represent both rural and urban school boards in accordance with their mandates.

### FCSFA

According to the information released in February, the FCSFA (Federation of francophone school boards of Alberta) hopes that Statistics Canada modifies the census questionnaire in order to address the problems surrounding the identification of students eligible for Francophone education.

### FNCSF

The FNCSF (Canadian federation of francophone school boards – Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones) should be involved in the process of allocating Federal funds to provinces for Francophone education. The FNCSF therefore welcomes the report tabled by the Standing Committee on Official Languages, titled *Toward a New Action Plan for Official Languages*.

### 2017-2018 School Calendar

The second draft of the 2017-2018 School Calendar was adopted by the trustees. This draft incorporated the comments and suggestions

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received after the distribution of the first draft. Management will follow up with school stakeholders to ensure that "second round" feedback is obtained.

### 2017-2020 Capital Plan

The 2017-2020 Capital Plan was approved and will be submitted by management before March 31, These priorities remain: complete modernization of École Beauséjour, including the replacement of the 20-year-old temporary classrooms by a permanent structure; procurement of a school building for Lac La Biche (Northern Lights Public Schools have not yet presented the results of the Value Management Study of their buildings, done in collaboration with Alberta Education's Capital Planning).

### Impact of Provincial Budget

Marc Dumont and Jannick Roy-Plante presented the highlights of the possible impacts to our school board brought about by the provincial budget. It appears that there won't be any major cutbacks, however, the school board anticipates that globally, there will be less revenue for the same number of students. There are two unknowns: staffing level forecasts and the consequences of provincial negotiations with ATA.

Finally, Marc Dumont mentions that he intends to present the first draft of the 2017-2018 budget at the board's next regular meeting.

### Summit on Education

Marc Dumont mentions that two student delegations from Centre-Est may participate in Ottawa and Edmonton, May 4th to 6th, 2017.

### NEXT MEETING

APRIL 18, 2017 AT 4 P.M.

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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.

For more information, please contact Marc Dumont, Superintendent, at 780-812-8934.

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