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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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Accountability Pillars (School Board Standings)

Superintendent Marc Dumont and the management team looked to see where our school board was situated in terms of success and performance according to the Accountability Pillars. As it turns out, our school board is ahead of all the other boards with regards to the 2015-2016 school year pillars, which is not insignificant! The compilation of results for the 61 school boards can be found on our Web page; the 2016-2017 results will be accessible after the Christmas break.

2016-2017 Budget Update

In the budgetary update for the current year, a deficit of \$111,162 is anticipated, contrary to the deficit of \$137,000 that was predicted June 30, 2016.

2017-2018 Budget

Marc Dumont and Jannick Roy-Plante presented the 2017-2018 budget. According to what was presented, a comprehensive deficit of \$147,000 is expected.

This deficit includes supplementary expenses in connection with the computer park, some expenses linked to the upcoming negotiations, the carbon tax, the daycare project in St. Paul, and the fact that Voyageur School no longer qualifies as a "Small School by Necessity". In fact, although the marked increase in registrations in this school is a positive point, the school board will receive about \$30,000 less for its operations.

The administration, communications and human resources budgets have been cut by more than \$80,000. Additionally, after an administrative analysis, the inclusion package has been reduced in the 2017-2018 budget.

The trustees accepted the budget unanimously as presented by management; it will be submitted June 30.

The trustees also mandated the management team to follow up on the educational school circus project and to explore the possibilities of expansion into the communities interested in having this project at their school. Du Sommet School has had great success in this project over the last two years.

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ClF Committee

Marc Dumont explained the purpose of the "Classroom Improvement Funds" committee in broad outline. CSCE has been granted \$191,000 for the 2017-2018 school year. The committee, composed of representatives from the teachers, on one part, and representatives from the employer, on the other part, must work together to arrive at a consensus on what to do with these funds in order for them to be useful to the greatest possible number of teachers and students to improve classroom conditions. This measure is included in the one-year provincial agreement. A meeting was held on June 26 with the school board's representatives: Mario Gagné, trustee; Marc Dumont, Josée Verreault and Christine Cousineau, and four representatives from the teachers. Although the committee has until December 15th to submit their proposal, it believes it will arrive at an agreement early in the fall.

FJA (Association of young francophones of Alberta)

Casey Edmunds

Casey Edmunds and Natacha Coones explained their mandate concerning the project "Mon AAH". The trustees appreciate knowing more about what will be presented to students, what the objectives are, and the form and content of the presentations.

The trustees would like to see a local resource person on hand during the presentation to the students on sexual diversity. The structure of FJA's presentations is based on testimonies and the sharing of experience. FJA's management is open to the school board's idea that Corinne Michaud, student wellness counsellor accompanies them during the presentations. Casey Edmunds underlines that his team is trained and accompanied by GRIS Montreal (a research and intervention group from Montreal). The trustees and management will decide on what they wish in order to form a partnership with FJA on the subject of sexual diversity.

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Scott Cyr, MLA

Bonnyville-Cold Lake-June 20

David Hanson, MLA Lac La Biche-St-

Paul-Two Hills-June 27

The trustees were happy to discuss different major themes with Scott Cyr and David Hanson; they also had the chance to describe our school board to them. The two MLAs were certainly very hospitable and open to encourage the trustees to establish links with them and other elected representatives. They also encouraged greater visibility on the part of the trustees to showcase our accomplishments.

Among the topics discussed were the challenges surrounding Lac-la-Biche's infrastructure and the financing of small and rural schools.

In the end, a political approach is important for CSCE, without a doubt.

School Nutrition Program

The Director of Educational Services, Josée Verreault, described the nutrition program. This project is made possible by a grant of \$141,000 from Alberta Education; the objective of the project is to offer a free meal every day to every student from kindergarten to Grade 6.

Voyageur School has been chosen this year in part because of their good relationship with Jolyane Dumont and Joly's Fine Cuisine, who offered the *Lunch for Learning* program this year. Voyageur School was also chosen because of the socioeconomic index of the community, which is the least favorable of all CSCE's schools.

The school board has just received Alberta Education's authorization for the implementation of the school nutrition project at Voyageur.

Redesigning Highschool

The Director of Educational Services, Josée Verreault, shared du Sommet's terrific initiative, which was submitted at the end of May. It's important to underline that this school has already made a first step toward the redesign process by instituting a "flex period".

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Tender Bids School Transportation – Bonnyville and St. Paul

Management and trustees have decided to extend the submission date for transportation in Bonnyville so that the local suppliers have a chance to submit their bids. The original date was June 21; it has now been extended to July 14th at noon.

In addition, management has informed the trustees that the tendering process will be started for du Sommet School, with the same deadline. Ads will appear in the local newspapers next week.

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 general management, one week before the meeting's date.

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

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