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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting
May 17, 2016

2016 - 2017 DRAFT BUDGET 2015 - 2016 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Marc Dumont, Superintendent and Marc Labonté, Secretary-Treasurer presented the first draft of the 2016-2017 budget. Marc Dumont advised that the draft budget highlights most likely enrolment projections. For the 2016-2017 year a deficit of \$150,000 is projected. The draft 2016-2017 budget was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees.

Also discussed was the question of School Generated Funds (SGF). A substantial surplus exists among the all schools (approximately \$106,000). A surplus arises when funds generated from fees charged to parents or fundraising are not allocated to a specific project. Marc Dumont reiterated at the principals meeting that this money must be spent in order to respect the fact that monies were collected from parents and fundraisers in the community. To discourage schools from accumulating large SGF surplus funds, a formula was developed to account for unspent and unallocated monies that would potentially reduce school budgets in certain categories such as cultural and sports activities and educational enrichment activities, such as field trips. Also, in the spirit of providing greater transparency with regard to school budgets, the Superintendent has asked that board generated school operating budgets and SGF summaries be published online. The School Cash software greatly simplified bookkeeping for schools and allows for a quick overview of school finances.

For the current year, a deficit of \$28,000 was budgeted. However, the projected deficit is expected to be about \$336,000. The projected deficit is due to moving forward with the demolition of the Cultural Centre due to the building's rapid decay.

2016 - 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board was all in favour of the revised calendar presented by administration. Changes to the number of professional development days were required to allow for the implementation of the new emergency protocol program with Hour Zero.

REQUEST FROM LAC LA BICHE PARENTS

A letter from the parents of Sainte-Catherine, in Lac La Biche, was sent to Minister Eggen to highlight their desire that Central School be transferred to East Central Francophone Education.

PROVINCIAL ACFA AGREEMENT

A pilot project with the provincial ACFA is scheduled for hiring "community school coordinators" for the 2016-17 school year. The intent is having someone employed and under the guidance of the provincial ACFA, to liaise between the school and the community, by way of cultural activities for both. The project is very successful with Greater North-Central Francophone and Southern Francophone boards.

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Marc Dumont presented documents following the guest presentation of the provincial ACFA and indicated that it would be possible to opt for a project covering two of its schools with a single coordinator. The Board endorsed the project.

FORT MCMURRAY

The first week of May was an intense demonstration of community support for evacuees of Fort McMurray at École Beauséjour and the ACFA of Plamondon/Lac La Biche. The Board commends the collaborative effort during the evacuation, where staff members, their families and the community as a whole were present for the people of Fort McMurray. Subsequently, some affected families enrolled with École Beauséjour and École des Beaux-Lacs.

NEXT MEETING

JUNE 25, 2016

AT 4:00 P.M. IN ST. PAUL

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