



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting January 22, 2019

#### Delegations

The Board received two parent delegations, one from the École du Sommet school council outlining a series of concerns; the Board will respond in writing in the coming days. The second was from a group called Parents United for Sommet that asked trustees to attend a Q & A session at École du Sommet in February.

#### Accountability Pillar and 2017-2018 Provincial Results

Josée Verreault, Assistant Superintendent, presented the student achievement results and the results of satisfaction surveys administered for students, parents and teachers in winter of 2018. All in all, the CSCE continues to achieve excellent results.

#### 2019-2020 Agreement with Francophonie Jeunesse de l'Alberta

The Board will commit \$ 5,000 in 2019-2020 to support Francophonie Jeunesse de l'Alberta activities in its schools and in support of youth.

FJA's new executive director, Gabriel Kreiner, invites youth to continue participating in their core activities, e. g. RaJe, the largest gathering of French-speaking youth in Alberta; GoAGA and AGM; Youth Parliament; credited courses in leadership; CÉFORT animation and training for student councils.

More concretely, the agreement covers four areas: four CÉFORT sessions; a day of animation and training for BBSV; 24 hours of supervision for specific projects *By and For Youth* at each school; 12 hours of collaboration with the coordinator of cultural programming.

#### CSCE Deficit

The Board will ask the Minister of Education to postpone the date for the submission of the Deficit Elimination Plan. Board Chair Réginald Roy intends to meet with Minister Eggen to explain the context for the cumulative deficit in 2017-2018.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Francophone School Governance in Alberta and the CSCE

The Board formed an ad hoc committee to plan activities for celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CSCE. The committee will be comprised of



trustees Nathalie Béland and Sonya Vincent, to which will be added representatives from schools, school councils, the public and administration.

### Protocol for Agreements for Minority Language Education and Second Language Instruction

The Ministry of Education has informed Alberta school authorities that Mélanie Joly, Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and la Francophonie, has confirmed the extension of the Protocol (2013-2018) and the decision to maintain federal funding for two more years (2018-2019 and 2019-2020). Therefore, even if the agreement has not yet been finalized between the federal government and the Ministers of Education, school authorities will continue to receive funding. These agreements expired on March 31, 2018, and the parties are in the process of negotiating a new Protocol.

### Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA)

ACSTA released *The Catholic Dimension*, Winter Edition, the last issue this year. The document is available at <https://www.acsta.ab.ca/media-centre/catholic-dimension/95-winter-2018-catholic-dimension>

### Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA)

The most recent bargaining session for the teachers' collective agreement took place on November 26th. Given the previous impasses,

the mediation session was chaired by arbitrator and lawyer Jean Moreau. However, the parties have not yet concluded their work, thus a forthcoming mediation session will be held in early spring.

### Acting Superintendent's Report

Bishop Terrio wrote that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has published a text entitled "Science and the Catholic Faith". It includes a series of posters designed by the Calgary Catholic School District to illustrate the important links between science and the Catholic faith. This document is aimed at high school students who wonder if faith and science are compatible as they discover their faith. The booklet complements science and religious education classes and will be made available to high school students. [www.editionscecc.ca](http://www.editionscecc.ca)

The next meeting of the Conseil de l'éducation de la foi catholique chez les francophones de l'Alberta (CÉFFA) will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> and the Acting Superintendent will attend to represent the Board. The three bishops from central and northern Alberta will also be there.

Caroline Maillet-Rao, CÉFFA coordinator, translated and modified the two training documents developed by Alberta Catholic superintendents. She will be invited to train principals later in the year.

Principals have asked for a slight change to the smoking policy to include banning e-cigarettes.



## Next Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at 4:00 pm.

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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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