



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting March 19, 2019

#### Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education

The Board will form a committee entitled Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE) that could be made up of the following members: school trustee, senior management, parents, employees and principals, parishioners and members of the clergy.

GrACE is a provincial action group launched in the fall of 2017 by the Bishops of Alberta, the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association and the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta.

Its mission is to inspire, animate and support the spirit of Catholic education in order to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on its behalf.

GrACE's two fundamental messages are the respect of Catholic schools and the reaffirmation of their merit, and the respect of Catholic schools and the reaffirmation of their uniqueness and distinctiveness.

#### Congratulations to Denise Paquette

Trustees congratulate Denise Paquette, a high school teacher at École du Sommet, who will receive the Excellence in Catholic Education Award from the Catholic superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA). There is one recipient for each of the 17 Catholic school boards and the four francophone education authorities. The award recognizes Catholic teachers who do exemplary work in preparing young people to become outstanding Catholic citizens.

Ms. Paquette is a passionate teacher who takes the learning of her students to heart. She started her work as a parish youth pastoral coordinator. Her work with young people led her to pursue a career as a high school teacher. She has an innate desire to help young people and guide them in their learning and spiritual journey.



It is said that she shares her Catholic values with her students and that she is a true model of Catholic faith for them. Her professional yet personalized approach allows students to reach their full potential and to excel. She constantly encourages her students to develop intellectually, academically and spiritually.

Ms. Paquette is involved in the liturgical celebrations and Masses organized at the school; her support and experience in this area are highly appreciated. Moreover, her musical talents bring an additional dimension to celebrations and her teaching.

### ACFA Régionale Saint-Paul

Administration reports having renewed a lease with the ACFA régionale de Saint-Paul for the period extending from September 1, 2018 to August 30, 2019. The ACFA takes care of rented premises in the school district's building: gymnasium, gymnastics group, Pickle Ball club. A new five-year lease will be confirmed shortly for the period extending from September 1, 2019 to August 30, 2024.

### Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA)

Board Chair Réginald Roy reported that the vote for a new central collective agreement was passed by the province's 61 school boards on March 16. Teachers will vote on the same proposal in early April.

At the district level, Mr. Roy is pleased with the substantial progress made on March 16 during the most recent bargaining session with teachers and the ATA on the local collective agreement. There are but a few minor points to conclude.

### Electronic broadcasting of CSCE meetings

Trustees asked administration to study models to broadcast CSCE meetings online, to archive them and to calculate the cost of options.

### Visits to schools

Trustee Mario Gagné suggested alternating the location of Board meetings in the five schools thus providing an opportunity for elected officials to visit the buildings, meet students and employees, and interact with the



school council before or after the regular Board meeting. This matter is postponed until the fall Organizational Meeting.

### Modernization of the Official Languages Act

Réginald Roy, President of the Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta, plans to present a brief as part of the national consultations on the modernization of the Official Languages Act on April 23 in Edmonton.

### Next Board Meetings

The next CSCE regular meeting will be determined later but will be held on either April 23 or 24.

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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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