



BOARD HIGH LIGHTS

Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting May 26, 2020

Insurance

An in-depth study around CSCE insurance was initiated given the unexpected increase in insurance rates in October 2019. CSCE is part of the Alberta School Board's Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (ASBIE) insurance consortium since the establishment of this group. Over this past winter, CSCE participated in several presentations to make an informed decision. In addition, a call for tenders was made. ASBIE developed a new model for determining school board rates. This new model essentially generated the same rates as those established for the year 2019-2020. Foster Park made an offer in which the fees are clearly lower for the CSCE for insurance coverage similar to what is currently in place. The Board decided to proceed with this insurance company for the new school year starting November 2020.

Budget 2020-2021

The Board approved the 2020-2021 budget. This is a budget based on the return of learning to the classroom in September and that takes into account certain additional costs related to COVID-19. The overall revenue is \$ 17,335,939

and forecasted spending is \$ 17,327,407. Within this budget, the CSCE has increased the allowance for substitute teachers in schools, maintained the number of teachers in the classroom and can continue to offer certain specialized support to students with special needs.

COVID - 19

CSCE staff continue to work diligently to ensure that CSCE students continue their learning at home during this time. June 15 has been set as the date marking the end of learning at home. After this date, teachers will prepare report cards and the transition for September 2020. The administration has begun to discuss plans for the start of the next school year in September, a plan that takes into account the different scenarios shared by the Ministry of Education. These are:

1. The return to normal;
2. Return with restrictions;
3. Continued learning at home.



The Minister of Education has indicated that boards should know which scenario prevails for September at the beginning of August. She also stated that boards will have to be ready to adjust to new realities quickly. Meanwhile, the CSCE administrative team is preparing by purchasing personal protective equipment.

Once again, the Board wishes to express its appreciation to the CSCE staff for their commitment to student success during this pandemic.

CSCE 2020 high school grads, their families and school staff are preparing to mark the end of their high school education in various ways that are consistent with the guidance provided by Dr. Hinshaw for such events. Several local strategies are used to recognize this important stage in the life of our graduates publicly.

A modified relaunch for Les Petits oursons in St-Paul is scheduled for June 1st. Eight children, two educators and the Director will meet on site and respect the restrictions put in place for daycares.

The CSCE must redistribute the unspent funds distributed for the school nutrition program, funds received for the year 2019-2020. The nutrition program supported students at École Voyageur and École Ste-Catherine. In June, funds will be distributed equally among food banks in the school communities.

Capital Maintenance Renewal

The CSCE is pleased that its request for an infrastructure renewal project submitted at the end of April has been selected under the "Capital Maintenance Renewal Program". The renovations will begin as soon as possible and must be completed before the end of October 2020. Improvements will be made to the roof and cement surrounding École Beauséjour as well as to the bell system and lights in our schools.

La Bourse des Présidents 2020

Two students will be awarded the Bourse des présidents this year. A special process will be put into place to recognize them. CSCE congratulates them both on their academic success as well as their community involvement and wishes them success in their future endeavours!

Next Board Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 4:00pm.

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 the Central office at (780) 645-3888.