



## BOARD HIGH LIGHTS

### Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting January 26, 2021

#### SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING

School council representatives had the chance to share their plans and concerns with the board. Among the great initiatives put forward, the Beaux-Lacs school council has been organizing a day focused on mental health for several years, with specific sessions for high school students and even for parents. In Plamondon, the school council decided to prepare resource baskets in French to attract new French-speaking families.

As for the school council of l'école du Sommet, it participates in the organization of cultural activities for young people, such as Carnasucré and is dedicated to maintaining the school's landscaping. In Cold Lake, the school council is trying to get Anglophone parents more involved and wants to fill the need for a Francophone daycare in the community.

At Sainte-Catherine School, the school council participated in the development of a sensory room as well as an active corridor for

the students. Finally, in order to be able to retain more of its student population, the council would like to expand the school up to high school.

#### UPDATE-PANDEMIC MANAGEMENT

Since January 11, 2021, students from preschool to grade 12 are back in class, according to the health guidelines recommended by AHS. All measures of the CSCE return to school plan are in effect. The teachers were happy to welcome the students back, since those in grades 7 to 12 had been learning at home since November 30, 2020. A single case declared positive for COVID-19 was reported in one of the school board schools in December and close contact tracing was quickly completed. New classifications have been identified by Alberta Health Services to communicate the level of cases in schools.



## CHILD CARE REGULATION

A new provincial child care law came into effect on February 1. The *Early Learning and Child Care Act* will allow greater transparency with parents and more flexibility in the operation of childcare services. The process for obtaining and renewing permits will also be simplified.

In addition, the CSCE has decided to partner with the CSNO in the creation of a three-year project to facilitate networking, support for parents and the purchase of resources for francization and literacy. A request for more than \$2 million was made to the federal government to finance the project as well as to support the opening of a French-language daycare in Cold Lake

## STUDENT RETENTION REPORT

A report from the Ministry of Education on the mobility of French-speaking high school students was published in December. In this report, we learn that the CSCE has the highest retention rate for high school students of all French-language boards, at 55.1%. Various factors can explain this good result, including welcoming facilities, credible teachers, and success plans that analyze student needs.

## Next Board Meeting

The next CSCE Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

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