



BOARD HIGH LIGHTS

Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting April 27, 2021

New K-6 Curriculum

At a special meeting held on April 13, the CSCE's Board of Trustees decided not to pilot the new curriculum presented by Alberta Education. According to Chair Réginald Roy, there are three aspects to be taken into consideration with regard to the management of the curriculum. The first is the human aspect; piloting the curriculum would require teachers to work during the summer, not to mention the already exhausting context of the pandemic when they need to rest. The second problem is at the educational level. According to him, there are significant gaps in the foundation of the study program and thirdly, the new curriculum does not respect the French-speaking aspect, the Francophone perspective, among other concerns. The four Francophone school boards in the province have all refused to pilot the new curriculum and are currently developing program evaluation committees.

2021-2022 School Calendars

The CSCE management team held a second round of consultation on the draft school calendar 2021-2022. In light of the results of the survey of teachers and parents, the school board has chosen a schedule where the holidays, especially Christmas, are aligned with those of neighboring school boards. The calendar for the next school year will be available on the CSCE website.

Lac La Biche Project

Treasurer Isabelle Poulin presented the summary of the meeting with a consultant on a project of modernization of the francophone school in Lac La Biche. The consultant offers five options to establish a francophone school in the region. All options suggest the use and modernization of existing schools in Lac La Biche. These options proposed by the consultant are, among other things, based on the number of enrollments in francophone school of Lac La Biche.



Trustees are ready to explore options for sharing premises with an anglophone school but in a new construction. Trustees are willing to explore only new construction scenarios.

2021-2025 Education Plan

The superintendent presents the draft of the 2021-2025 education plan. Three priorities are at the heart of the plan: quality Francophone education, student engagement and visionary Francophone governance. The final version of the education plan is expected to be presented to trustees in May.

School Elections Promotion

The CSCE will start promoting the school elections, which will take place in October 2021. It includes a series of videos, a social media engagement as well as the posting of information in schools. Applications are accepted until September 20, noon, at the CSCE office, with returning officer, Virginie Dallaire. For more details, see the [Elections](#) page of our website.

FCSFA-Meeting with Minister LaGrange

The Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta (FCSFA) met with Education Minister Adriana LaGrange about the new curriculum. The minister said she was disappointed that francophone school boards refused to pilot the new curriculum. The Federation is currently working to establish a collaborative working group to study the Français, social studies and music programs to make suggestions. The Federation also requested that the Direction de l'éducation française (DEF) be reinstated as well as adequate funding for the CFED.

Next Board Meeting

The next CSCE Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

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.