



BOARD HIGH LIGHTS

Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting January 27, 2022

Education Quality Assurance Plan 2022-2023

The Superintendent presented to the Board of Trustees the requirements of Administrative Procedures 100-101-102 and the Education Quality Assurance Plan. A presentation on the timeline for the completion of the Education Quality Assurance Plan and the requirements for the school plans was also made.

School Calendars 2022-2023

Typically, the management team presents a draft school calendar to elected officials in April for adoption. This year, the superintendent spoke with neighboring boards in December to see how their calendars were progressing. Due to the differences between boards regarding the Christmas vacation, a survey was sent to teachers and school council members. The superintendent received 63 responses, some of which represented consultations with parents. All respondents were in favor of harmonization of vacations with other

boards. The question of whether the school year should begin on September 1 or after the Labour Day vacation on September 6 was also raised. The question of the fall break and the dates of the Christmas break were also raised. The management team is awaiting approval of the calendars of neighboring boards to create their own drafts. Two questions were submitted to the trustees for decision, one concerning September 30, 2022 and the other concerning May 29, 2023.

Update - Child Care Services

Josée Verreault provides an update on children's services. A look back at the agreement between the federal government and Alberta on reducing child care costs. This agreement has two components: a subsidy available for parents and a subsidy available for certified programs. At this time, the management team is still waiting for more information to put this in place. Collaborative work has been undertaken with Joany Hardy, Director of the Petits Oursons daycare, and MariePierre Lalonde, Program Manager in the schools, to implement the fee reduction.



Francophone Daycare Project – Cold Lake

President Réginald Roy informed the Board of the progress of the architectural study for a Francophone daycare in Cold Lake. A partnership between the CDEA and the FPFA has been developed and it is the CDEA that will apply for the grant for the study. The President also attended a meeting of the FCSFA and the Minister of Education. She announced the possibility of re-establishing a Francophone education department and indicated that she was also open to discussions on school funding.

Pandemic Management - Update

The Superintendent provided a brief update on the progress of COVID in the CSCE schools. At this time, several class or cohort groups have had to stay home for several days due to infection rates or staff availability. No entire schools have had to switch to at-home learning. An initial shipment of masks and screening tests has also been received and distributed to board schools and the central office. The Superintendent updated the Board on the upcoming changes in the central office.

Next Board Meeting

The next CSCE Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022. To attend online, visit the School Trustees page of our website. www.centreest.ca

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.