

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



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Board Meeting For East Central Francophone Education

March 11, 2014

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Matters arising from the February 11, 2014 Meeting

Insurance Against Litigations

Administration provided a follow-up requested by the Board to determine if insurance for litigious proceedings are in place, notably due to the Alberta Human Rights Commission complaint against the Board. At this time, the Board's insurance coverage does not provide for protection against these types of proceedings.

Capital Plan

The capital plan is due March 30th. Michèle Dallaire, Vice-Chair, explains that it would be important to focus on a long-term solution for École Beauséjour rather than simply replacing the schools decommissioned portables. The Board prefers to focus on obtaining a permanent structure for all parts of the school that are found to be "portable" or on temporary wood foundations - life expectancy for some parts of the school does not extend beyond the next ten years. The intention is to create spaces equivalent to École Plamondon School, as well as École du Sommet, Voyageur and Beaux-Lacs. Nevertheless, in the short term, the intention is to undertake a usual maintenance regime and much needed maintenance and improvements to meet a host of needs.

Lac La Biche Program

The Board briefly discussed the earlier meeting with Lac La Biche's County's Municipal Council. The Board studied the possibility of purchasing land for the Lac La Biche project due to constraints associated to the dependence on Northern Lights School District (NLSD) decisions and timelines. CSCE Board of Trustees is unanimous in maintaining the mandate given to administration to work towards a start-up for the pre-K-2 Program as of September, 2014

C2 Committee: Training and Trustee Participation

Marc Dumont, Superintendent, explained that the C2 committee is committed to transparency and openness. With this in mind, he reminded board trustees without a conflict of interest that they are welcome to join the committee. Training for C2 committees is scheduled for April 8th: Marc Dumont, Marc Labonté and Michèle Dallaire will attend, on behalf of the board, as employer.

2014-2015 Provincial Budget

Marc Dumont explains that the provincial budget did not identify significant changes to current funding levels. A few documents for information purposes, such as the ASBA comments relative to the budget, were presented and Marc Labonté, Secretary-Treasurer, presented a first draft of the 2014-2015 budget, based on current expenditures, programs and enrolment, as well as changes stemming from the C2 Committee Report. The principals will be meeting with the superintendent in order to discuss the anticipated program needs and supports for 2014-2015, on March 25th.

Cold Lake Condo

Marc Dumont presented a cost analysis prepared by Marc Labonté. A condo in Cold Lake may help attract quality staff to the region, specifically due to the cost of living for new teachers moving to Cold Lake. At this point, more research will have to be conducted and few questions answered by Alberta Education and the Board accountants.

2014-2015 Calendar Update

Overall, those who availed themselves of the chance to review the proposed '14-'15 calendar seem satisfied of the draft. The draft calendar was distributed to all parents and staff and is posted on the Board's website for feedback. Two teachers and one principal provided feedback. No parents chose to comment on the draft.

The final draft of the calendar will be put forward for adoption in the next general meeting in April, once the principals will have had a chance to consider the feedback provided so far.

Sample Transportation Boundary Maps

Marc Dumont presented a document prepared by Marc Labonté following a Board request in the Fall to study potential for creating transportation boundaries. The Board will study the different models proposed. The Board will review the models at the next regular board meeting.



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ACSTA

The Board has no objection for Catholic schools from the Yukon to join in the ACSTA membership. Michèle Dallaire will do the necessary follow-up to communicate the Board's decision to this regard.

ASBA

Marc Dumont provided background regarding the possibility for a new teacher bargaining model. A meeting requiring feedback for the development of a new model will take place on March 20th. Marc Labonté will be attending.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be April 15, 4:00 PM at Central Office in St. Paul.

If you wish to subscribe to the agenda as a delegation or to be heard, please make your request either in writing or by calling the Superintendent's office one week before the meetings.

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