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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting
January 13, 2015

ÉCOLE FRANCOPHONE DE LAC LA BICHE DESIGNATION

Marc Dumont, Superintendent and Marc Labonté, Secretary-Treasurer explained the process used for the vote on December 18th. Parents received French and English versions of a digital newsletter, informing them of the differences between the two designations (Catholic and Public) weeks before the date of the vote. The Conseil scolaire Centre-Est would like to thank the Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord for sharing documents that have served as inspiration.

The outcome of the vote, presented by Marc Dumont, expressed that there was strong voter turnout, more specifically, 92% of parents. The vote was held at the Christmas concert, which assuredly helped with the turnout. Marc Labonté was present on site as the returning officer.

In the days that followed, Marc Dumont and Marc Labonté proceeded to count the votes. The Results: 70% of the vote was for Catholic while 30% accounted for a Public vote. The vote clearly demonstrated a majority interest for the designation of the school to be Catholic.

It is in a democratic spirit and within the laws of the School Act that the Board endorses the will of the parents. École Francophone de Lac La Biche is now designated as a Catholic school.

It is also important to note that non-Catholic parents have the right to request an exemption from religious classes or liturgical activities

Meeting with the Minister

Marc Dumont provided details of the recently received communication regarding an invitation to meet with the Minister on Monday, January 19th. This meeting convened Superintendents and Board Chairs from all School Boards. This first meeting with Minister Dirks will touch the issues surrounding the implementation of Inspiring Education. The Minister is also seeking to know the particular challenges of the Conseil scolaire Centre-Est. The Minister also wishes to obtain a recommendation from each Board for the weighting of Diploma Exams. 82% of members with the Alberta School Boards Association voted in favor of a recommendation to reduce the relative weighting of Diploma Exams from 50% to 30%. The Conseil scolaire Centre-Est supports this recommendation.

NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2015 AT 4:00P.M.

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