

Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting

October 21, 2013

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Matters Arising from the September 4, 2013 Meeting

Sale of Land

A recent offer from St. Paul Education was tabled for two parcels of land owned by the Board. There may also be interest from another perspective buyer.

Central Office Renovations: Adopting the Business Case

Marc Labonté, secretary treasurer, presented a business case for the central office renovations.

Board administration recommends hiring a project manager for the renovations.

Training for Trustees

All Board members will participate in a training session for trustees provided by ASBA on November 4th.

Budget 2013-2014 : updates and recommendations

Marc Labonté presented an updated 2013-2014 budget with actual student registrations.

The 2013-2014 budget presented in September included a surplus of \$104,000 however, with adjustments, the surplus now stands at \$315,000. The greater than anticipated surplus is due to increased pre-school registrations (55%), an increase that was not anticipated, while registrations for grades 1 through 12 were slightly lower than anticipated. Knowing that many decisions were made in anticipation of budget restrictions, Marc Dumont explained that it is now possible to invest in certain priority areas, whether adding teacher-aides, increasing school budgets, resuming the board governance study, including Board and superintendent evaluation. The Board authorised the superintendent to address certain pressing needs as soon as possible. Further system-wide recommendations of priorities will be proposed at the November 26th meeting.

Performance Test Results (3rd, 6th, 9th) And Diploma Exam Results (12th)

Josée Verreault, Director of Educational Services, presented a summary of the performance and diploma exam results.

Furthermore, Marc Dumont provided, for information purposes, the Alberta Accountability Pillars' results for East Central Francophone Education as a whole as well as for individual schools.

Alberta Human Rights Commission Complaint Against East Central Francophone

A former Calgary resident included East Central Francophone Education in a complaint for not allowing the administering of the HPV vaccine in its schools. This complaint targets nine Alberta school boards. However East Central Francophone is the only francophone board, named in the complaint. The superintendent will follow-up with legal counsel. Michèle Dallaire, trustee, participated in various meetings with Marc Dumont regarding this debate and will continue to do so. Bishop Terrio is also aware of the complaint.

C2 Committee: Update

Marc Dumont explained the process leading to the creation "C2 Committees". These committees' mandate is to identify practices, administrative procedures and policies currently in place that increase workload or reduce teacher efficacy. The report of past East Central Francophone C2 committee meetings as well as all other pertinent documentation was provided to trustees.

Currently, all C2 documents are accessible to the public at www.centrest.ca.

Student Departure Reasons

Marc Dumont briefly presented a brief summary of student departures. Marc Dumont presented this for information purposes and plans to retable these points in future meetings and in the three-year plan.

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Michèle Dallaire will attend the AGM to be held in late November.

FCSFA

Guy Généreux, Board Chair, will attend the AGM on November 17th. Another new trustee orientation session, will be offered by the Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

APEON

A letter was sent to Prime Minister Harper to explain the challenges of Francophone school boards in the western and northern provinces and territories and to underline its intention to help create a national French language and cultural framework policy.

FNCSF

The *Fédération nationale des conseils scolaires francophones*' annual general meeting is from October 24th to 26th in Victoria. Marc Dumont and Guy Généreux will attend.

ASBA

Réal Jodoin, trustee, Guy Généreux, president, will attend the AGM to be held November 18th and 19th.

Parent Appeal Regarding Student Transportation

A parent has appealed a Board decision to not provide transportation to her child. The child has attended one of East Central Francophone Education's schools for the last four years, and in the past, bussing was provided when the stop was not far from her current residence. Trustees reversed the September decision given that transportation was provided in the past.

Student Delegation Grades 10 and 11 - École du Sommet

Students from École du Sommet presented a school project. Their teacher, David Fillion, was encouraging a more formal approach to students than simply

announce to them he would be organizing a field trip. The Olympic project will take place from December 15th to 18th, 2013, and will take them to Calgary and Canmore. Marc Dumont will follow-up with Mr. Fillion and Ms. Karen Chalmers-Beaulieu, school principal.

École des Beaux-Lacs school yard

Réal Jodoin, trustee, mentioned that currently, at École des Beaux-Lacs' yard, adjacent to the *Bonnyville Soccer Association*, children who are not students of the school are using the space. He asked administration to verify the issue of legal liability in case of accident.

Reviewing AD 510 : Hiring Professional Services

Réal Jodoin reminded the Board that according to Administrative Procedure (AD) 510, the Board shall, whenever possible, encourage the purchase of professional services in the community where the project in question is occurring because often local businesses are solicited for donations for various cultural and sports activities by the school in their community. The expectation is that support from the Board (its schools) and business be mutual.

Road in Front of Beaux-Lacs

Réal Jodoin indicated that the road in front of École des Beaux-Lacs, 34th street, is in disrepair. He added that it is of paramount importance that parents voice their concerns to municipalities as well as with Genia Leskiw, MLA for Cold Lake-Bonnyville. Currently, a petition is going around for this purpose. The superintendent will prepare letters on behalf of the Board to be sent to the local municipality councils (Town of Bonnyville and the MD of Bonnyville) to arrange for meetings between trustees and councillors.

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