

## **President's Report – Annual General Meeting of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

I am pleased to present the 2017-2018 report of the Yukon Francophone School Board (Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon-CSFY). In reviewing this report, you will agree that the 2017-2018 school year was highlighted through several achievements and initiatives. These steps demonstrate the fulfillment of the CSFY's mandate in offering an educational program in French First Language of the highest quality and that we continue the negotiations with the Department of Education for the achievement of a negotiated settlement.

### **Settlement Committee**

It is important to keep in mind that the CSFY and the Department of Education are still negotiating a resolution to the on-going litigation towards school governance. The progress obtained through negotiations by the Settlement Committee in 2017-2018 allowed a new agreement for the management of janitorial services at the school, and an agreement to manage the utilities associated with the school. These two agreements are steps towards the full school governance that CSFY wishes to obtain.

### **Construction of the Francophone Secondary School Community Centre (FSSCC)**

The construction project of this new community centre was a focus of attention for the board of trustees this year. In November 2017, the Department of Education was pleased to hear of the confirmation of \$ 7.5 million from Canadian Heritage for the construction of community spaces in the future community centre in Whitehorse. This confirms that our Francophone Secondary School Community Centre will have spaces that will support the vitality of our community.

This confirmation enabled the trustees to formalize the concept of the future community centre. We are of the opinion that the chosen concept by the board of trustees in January, 2018, is able to meet the requirement to offer our community a school centre equivalent to the type of English-language secondary school we find in the Yukon. The concept finalization and call for tenders for the construction of the FSSCC in August, 2018, represent for us an important step that further concretizes the opening of a secondary school for our students in the fall of 2020.

### **Student Graduation Standards and Strategic Plan 2018-2021**

The trustees also paid close attention to two important documents for our style of governance: graduation standards and the strategic plan for 2018 through 2021.

On April 5, 2018, the trustees adopted a revised profile for graduation which matches the revised curriculum in the Yukon. The graduation standards emphasize abilities to be developed at the CSFY schools in three core competencies, being Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social. The factor of francophone culture and identity is also included in this profile. We are also proud to have completed the CSFY strategic plan for 2018-2021 which puts our students front and foremost.

### **Departure of a trustee and By-Elections**

The Vice-President of the CSFY was called upon to serve as Magistrate as of March, 2018. The CSFY recognizes this appointment to the Supreme Court of the Yukon is an honour Mrs. Campbell has earned for in her ability to discern priorities. We are privileged to have had Mrs. Campbell as our

Vice-President and we wish to express our thanks for her dynamism, collegial spirit and devotion for the success of the CSFY. We wish Mrs. Campbell all the best in her new role. Her departure prompted the election of Mr. Vincent Larochelle in May, 2018. We are happy to welcome Mr. Larochelle to the CSFY.

### **Scholarships and Outstanding Performance Recognition of the CSFY**

The CSFY recognized Pier-Anne Ménard, graduate of Académie Parhémie in June, 2017 who received the award of Excellence and the CSFY Official Languages Scholarship with the certificate of bilingualism! Her excellent marks as well as the success of the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade French and English languages classes qualified her for these scholarships. The CSFY Award of Excellence and the Official Languages Scholarship are worth \$ 1,000 each.

### **National partnerships**

The CSFY recognizes it is important to take part in national programs. In this pursuit, trustees Elaine Michaud and Gilles Ménard joined me in attending the 27<sup>th</sup> congress of the National Federation of Francophone School Boards (NFSSB) in October, 2017. I also presided over meetings of the Western and Northern Presidents' Association in June, 2018 and participated in the NFSSB activities throughout the year, working with the administrative council and the Policy Review Committee.

### **Territorial Partnerships**

At the Territorial level, I represented the interests of the CSFY on December 2, 2017 at the leaders' forum of the francophone community in the Yukon. The goal was to regroup all Presidents and Directors of all francophone organizations in our community, to discuss our major priorities. I also represented the interests of the CSFY with the Official Languages Commissioner, Mr. Raymond Thériage, on July 4, 2018 during his meetings with the Yukon francophone community in regards to modernizing the Official Languages Act.

In closing, we wish to thank all those who take to heart the future of our school community. Your standing by our side and your support to assure the continuation of the French language and its culture amongst young Yukonnors inspire us to excel further for our students.

Cordially yours,

Jean-Sébastien Blais  
President