



Presentations

The Board welcomed Minister Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, Member of Parliament for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley, and her assistant, James Bell.



Minister McCuaig-Boyd and Trustees discussed a variety of topics including the CSNO's success, essential programs for Francophone education such as full-time kindergarten, funding for the *Centre francophone d'éducation à distance* (CFED), as well as the CSNO's specific challenges related to school infrastructure and transportation. The Chair, Mrs. Sylvianne Maisonneuve, thanked the government for its commitment to the francophone community and education.

The Board also welcomed École Héritage School Council, which was invited to make a presentation. The Chairperson of the school council, Mrs. Christine Aubin, presented a report of the activities, successes and challenges of École Héritage school community.

Transportation Funding

The CSNO will continue to advocate to the Minister of Education that the funding formula for rural transportation needs to be revised, especially for small rural francophone schools with a limited and dispersed pool of students. The CSNO's ongoing School Transportation deficit must be resolved in order to maintain the quality of services provided to students.

School Fees 2017-2018

General school fees will be eliminated for the 2017-2018 School Year. However, a minimal "cultural" fee will remain in order to continue ensuring the quality of cultural programming and identity building programs.

Transportation - ÉQV

The School Board received the analysis report regarding the possibility of an autonomous transportation service for students at École des Quatre-Vents (ÉQV). Following this report, the School Board will consult with the ÉQV school community in order to share the proposal in line with the CSNO's vision of Francophone education and to hear the community's perspective.

More information will be communicated with the school community in the coming weeks.

By-election – Ward 3

As no nominations were received on January 16th for the position of Public Trustee for Ward 3, the nomination period was extended to January 23, 2017. As of the date of the meeting, no nomination had yet been received.

(P.S. On January 23, Mr. Roger Tremblay was elected by acclamation as Public Trustee for Ward 3 in Grande Prairie.)

Invitation

The public is invited to attend the School Board meetings. Items may be added to the agenda by contacting Rachelle Bergeron, Corporate Secretary, at 780-624-8855 or 1-866-624-8855.
NB - Please note that Board meetings are held in French.



NOTICE OF CHANGE

REGULAR MEETING DATE

*The Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest's
next regular meeting
will be held*

**Wednesday March 1, 2017
at 11 : 00 am
at central office in
St-Isidore**

instead of March 5, 2017.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

31 Jan.	<i>PD Day – ÉNF / EQV</i>
8, 9, 10 Feb.	<i>PD Day - TOUS</i>
16 Feb.	<i>CSNO Day at Carnaval de St-Isidore</i>
17 Feb.	School CLOSED – ÉQV
20 Feb.	<i>Family Day - Holiday</i>
1 March	Next CSNO Meeting – St-Isidore (11:00)
3 March	<i>Francophone Flag raising</i>
10 March	<i>PD Day - ALL</i>