

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 18, 2019

union

École Héritage, Falher, AB

Presentation

The School Board welcomed École Héritage School Council President, Mrs. Anita Anctil, and the Principal, Mrs. Nicole Walisser. Mrs. Anctil presented a report detailing the School Council's activities, indicating that the School Council had participated in the school's education plan.

Mrs. Anctil, the Principal and members of the School Board attended a *GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education)* conference in Grande Prairie. The School Council and the School Board will focus more on the perception and value of Francophone catholicity in the school and in the community.

Mrs. Anctil concluded her presentation by indicating that the Christmas lunch and concert continue to be a huge success for the School Council. This year, 460 participants attended the event.

The School Board Chair, Mrs. Sylvianne Maisonneuve, thanked the School Council members and the principal for their commitment.

2020-2023 Capital Plan

The School Board adopted the Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest (CSNO)'s 2019-2022 Capital Plan. The priorities of the plan are:

- 1. New Construction École des Quatre-Vents
- 2. New (Second) Elementary School Grande Prairie
- 3. Modernization / Renovation École Heritage

Calendar 2019-2020

School calendars will be approuved in April.

2019 CSNO Bursary

The 2019 CSNO Bursary will be awarded to a CSNO graduate who achieves superior academic results and contributes to her school community. The deadline for submitting the <u>application form</u> is May 3, 2019.

Infrastructure - EQV

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The CSNO continues to prioritize École des Quatre-Vents (ÉQV) infrastructure project and to pursue the necessary steps to ensure the students' well-being and equivalent programming for the ÉQV school community. The School Board will meet with the Municipality of Northern Sunrise County to explore a partnership opportunities for the ÉQV infrastructure project.

CSNO Ward Modification

The Board is evaluating various options to modify the existing ward structure for the next school elections in 2021. The modification is aimed at improving representation in the regions and facilitating the nomination and election process.

Trip to Quebec - ÉNF

École Nouvelle Frontière's educational and cultural school trip to Quebec for grade 12 students in April 2019 was approved.

Ministerial Order - Seclusion Room

The Minister of Education has put in place new legislation to prohibit seclusion rooms in schools. The CSNO has never had a seclusion room in its schools.

Resignation of Trustee

Stéphanie Ambrose, the Catholic Trustee for Ward 4, resigned from her position on the Board. The School Board accepted, with regret, her resignation as of March 18, 2019. The Chair and Trustees warmly thanked Mrs. Ambrose for her commitment and contribution to the School Board since her election in October 2017 and wished her success in her new job in Edmonton.

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«Les petits boucs» Daycare Inauguration

The Early Learning and Childare Center «Les petits boucs» Daycare inauguration took place on March 15th at École Nouvelle Frontière. It was a very successful celebration with friends, parents, guests and the community.

CSNO 25th Anniversary

The CSNO will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2019. The Regional Authority of the Northwest Francophone Education Region No. 1 (Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest - CSNO) was established on March 14, 1994, following the Alberta Government's decree allowing francophone education governance in Alberta.

In addition, the Federation of Francophone School Boards of Alberta (FCSFA) will organize several activities and celebrations in 2019-2020 to mark the 25 years of francophone education governance in Alberta.

Details of the activities and celebrations will be shared in the coming months.

Alberta "Francophonie" Month

Trustees participated in the Franco-Albertan flag raising celebrations that took place in each of the CSNO's schools. It was a great opportunity to showcase and share the vitality of our Frenchfirst-language school communities with guests, dignitaries, French-immersion friends and the community.

2019 Graduation Celebrations

The École Heritage and École Nouvelle Frontière 2019 Graduation celebrations will take place on May 25th.

Administration Report

Shared PD Day - On March 8th, CSNO teachers met at École des Quatre-Vents in Peace River. They participated in a presentation on the new K-4 curriculum and had time to collaborate with their colleagues.

Staff Recruitment - This year, recruiting teachers is more difficult, as is the case with other boards. The FCSFA will submit an application for federal funding to encourage, promote and retain teachers in our Francophone schools.

INVITATION

The public is invited to attend School Board meetings and may add an item to the agenda by contacting, one week in advance the Corporate Secretary, Mrs. Rachelle Bergeron, at 780-624-8855 or 1-866-624-8855.

DATES TO REMEMBER :

- March 25-29 Spring BREAK ALL PD Day – ÉH April 12 Good Friday - Holiday April 19
- Easter Monday Holiday April 22
- CSNO Board Meeting ÉNF at 2:30 pm April 24

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