

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Change to the School Calendar

Following the return to school after the teachers' strike and lockout, the Board approved a change to the CSNO school calendar. To recover the instructional time lost in October, certain professional development days will now be regular instructional days:

- **November 7** – École Nouvelle Frontière
- **November 10** – École Héritage and École des Quatre-Vents
- **January 5** – All CSNO schools

See the updated school calendars.

Enrollment as of September 30th

The CSNO has **475 students** from kindergarten to **Grade 12**, representing a **7.4 % increase** compared to the previous year – a notable growth for the division. This increase is mainly due to a **high retention rate among students from Grades 6 to 12**.

In addition, **40 children** are enrolled in the **pre-kindergarten programs** offered in CSNO schools.

Annual Education Results Reports (AERR) 2024–2025

The results from provincial achievement tests and diploma exams were recently released. The Ministry of Education and Childcare has informed school divisions that the **submission deadline for the AERR** has been **extended from November 30 to December 19, 2025**.

Trustee Reports

Trustees reviewed the reports presented by the Board Chair, fellow trustees, and the administration.

Administration Reports

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent summarized key areas of focus since the start of the school year, including the impacts of the teachers' strike, the review of student enrollment, staff professional learning, with an emphasis on artificial intelligence, and mental health initiatives, including the hiring of a mental health and wellness worker through the Projet Espoir program.

Pre-planning Consultation – Second Francophone School in Grande Prairie

A public consultation, led by Stantec (in English), will take place on November 25 as part of the pre-planning program to evaluate the CSNO's capital plan priority for a 2nd francophone school in Grande Prairie.

This is an opportunity to learn about the potential K–6 francophone school project, planned for the northwest side of Grande Prairie, and to share ideas to help shape the plan for this new school.

Two sessions will be held at **École Nouvelle Frontière**:

- **4:00 p.m.** – for students and staff
- **5:30 p.m.** – for community members

The goal of this pre-planning project is to collect data and insights to determine the optimal solution and guide future capital plan submissions – it does not guarantee project approval but is a crucial step in



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developing educational services for rights holders in Grande Prairie.

Pre-planning Funding for Slave Lake and High Level –

The CSNO has secured pre-planning funding to explore the development of francophone educational services in Slave Lake and High Level. The value scoping will enable the collection of essential data to better meet the needs of rights holders in these communities, in accordance with priorities identified in CSNO's capital plan.

This funding does not guarantee project approval but will guide future capital requests by determining optimal solutions and the scope of potential projects.

- ✓ ASBA Chairs & Superintendents Meeting – Sept. 29
- ✓ Grouard-McLennan Diocese Succession Mass – Oct. 4
- ✓ ACSTA Meeting – Oct. 6
- ✓ FCSFA Board Meeting – Oct. 6–7, St-Isidore
- ✓ ASBA Zone 1 Meeting – Oct. 8
- ✓ FNCSF AGM & Congress – Oct. 15–18, Kelowna
- ✓ ACFA Annual Francophonie Congress – Oct. 17–18

INVITATION

The public is invited to attend Board meetings and can have an item placed on the agenda by contacting, one week in advance, Ms. Rachelle Bergeron, Secretary General, at 780-624-8855 or 1-866-624-8855.

Board Representation

Since September, trustees have taken part in a variety of meetings and events. Events attended:

- ✓ Manning Aurora Composite School Opening – Sept. 26

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7 – Instructional Day – ÉNF

November 10 – Instructional Day – ÉQV / ÉHÉ

November 10–14 – Fall Break – ÉNF

November 11 – Remembrance Day Holiday – ALL

November 24 – Regular Board Meeting (St-Isidore, 2:00 p.m.)

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