

On the occasion of the third General Council meeting of the year, held on April 21st 2018, 94 delegates from 58 school boards were present.

GENERAL COUNCIL

1. Now available: guide for the organization of annual assemblies

A handbook full of tips and advice to help parents organize their school's annual assemblies was submitted to the delegates. This guide was prepared in cooperation with the delegates based on information gathered from the Parents' Committees. This handbook is available (in French only) on our website, under the title "*L'assemblée annuelle des parents*": <http://www.fcpq.qc.ca/fr/comites-scolaires>.

Organizing your annual assembly: get started right now, in cooperation with your school principal!

2. Presentation of the Ministère de l'Éducation's guides regarding results-based management

The Ministère recently published guides to accompany schools and school boards in the implementation of the legal changes introduced by Bill n° 105. The FCPQ has prepared documents of its own to summarize these first three guides in order to target what is essential for parents. These summaries are available (in French only) under the title "*Guides du MEES sur la gestion axée sur les résultats*": <http://www.fcpq.qc.ca/fr/bonnes-pratiques>.

3. Consultation in anticipation of the provincial elections

The delegates worked in groups to suggest questions to be asked to political parties on the subject of Education. The FCPQ will draw inspiration from the results of this workshop in order to question politicians and to call public attention to parents' concerns prior to the provincial elections.

4. Technical information seminar on the school board elections

Delegates learned about the basic technical aspects of a possible candidacy with FCPQ advisor and law graduate Jean-François Rioux. A guide and a summary were handed to attending delegates and are available on our website (in French only), under the title: "*Le conseil des commissaires*": <http://www.fcpq.qc.ca/fr/comites-scolaires>. According to the law, school board elections are to take place on November 4th, 2018.

5. An update on the "new budgetary rules"

At the start of year 2 of the new budgetary rules, the FCPQ wants to emphasize the rules regarding the dedicated and protected measures. These sums must be transferred directly to the schools' budget. It is important to remember that no amounts from these measures are to be retained by the school board. In the end, few of the parents present at the General Council said that their governing board had adopted the resolution prepared by the Ministère. Changes require time and patience. The documents concerning the budgetary rules about which consultations are still underway are available (in French only) on our website, under the title "*Information sur les règles budgétaires des CS*": <http://www.fcpq.qc.ca/fr/bonnes-pratiques>.

6. Action plan 2018-2019

The delegates will soon receive a link via email so that they can give their opinion about the contents of the next FCPQ annual action plan. A proposition for the action plan will then be submitted to the AGA in June. The delegates have until May 11th to submit their answers and comments to the FCPQ.

7. Registration for training sessions and annual congress

Reminder: training sessions on school budgets are on May 12th and 14th, 2018. An opportunity to learn more on school budgets, decentralization, transferability, etc. Registration: <https://boutique.fcpq.qc.ca/formations-generales-webinaires>. It is also time to register for our congress on June 1st and 2nd, which will take place at the Hôtel Universel in Rivière-du-Loup: <https://boutique.fcpq.qc.ca/inscription-au-congrès>. Don't miss it!