

On the occasion of the second General Council meeting of the year, held on February 17, 2018, 90 delegates from 55 school boards attended, as well as 35 Special Needs Forum delegates from 32 school boards.

GENERAL COUNCIL

1. Presentation by the Ministère de l'Éducation on the Policy on Educational Success

Anne Desruisseaux, the director of policy and interministerial collaboration at the Ministère de l'Éducation, gave a much-appreciated presentation on the Policy on Educational Success. The presentation is found at <https://goo.gl/ht8f46>.

2. Mobilizing new parents for the Annual General Assembly

The delegates discussed hints and tips for developing tools to stimulate parent participation at the Annual General Assembly at the beginning of the 2018 school year. A handbook will be distributed in time for preparations for the start of the school year.

3. Workshop on the ideal school

The delegates shared their vision of the ideal school based on seven themes each covered by an individual table. The delegates chose the theme that interested them. The purpose of the discussion was to begin thinking about this subject in order to lay the groundwork for possible action by the FCPQ. The delegates were urged to continue this process with their Parents' Committee using the preparatory executive summary they received.

4. Presentation of FCPQ video clips

A few examples of new training video clips for parents, produced by the FCPQ, were shown at the General Council meeting. The ten clips had different themes related to parent participation in education bodies. The themes chosen were those about which our advisory services receive questions the most frequently. The clips are available at <https://goo.gl/hAUBLz>.

5. Visit by the Minister of Education

The Minister of Education, Sébastien Proulx, faithful to what is almost a tradition, was a speaker at the meeting. He talked about collaboration and construction of a new collaborative management model established under Bill 105 and answered several questions.

6. Election of Special Needs Form delegates

At the meeting of the Special Needs Forum, the delegates elected their two representatives to sit on the General Council. They are Christian Slachetka, CCSEHDAA de la Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles, and Nathalie Tremblay, CCSEHDAA de la Commission scolaire de Rouyn--Noranda. Annie Goudreau, CCSEHDAA de la Commission scolaire des Draveurs, was elected substitute.

7. Strategic plan for 2017-2022

The delegates adopted the strategic plan for 2017-2022, the culmination of a process of renewal that began 18 months ago. Further to suggestions by Parents' Committees, a best practices guide designed to help Parents' Committees support the plan will soon be drafted by the FCPQ. The plan is found at <https://goo.gl/KsrMnY>.

8. New Executive Director

Further to the departure of Jean-François Gilbert, Émilie Foster was named the FCPQ's Executive Director. The nomination was approved unanimously by the General Council. We welcome her and extend our best wishes for an excellent term of office!

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