

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2021-22 was a very unique year with significant changes in how we delivered programming, worked together and responding to the actions and initiatives of Alberta's government. Here are our highlights:

- CPF Alberta's staff has changed again:
 - Candace Resch retired after more than 17 years with CPF Alberta. She continues to work for Tempo School in Edmonton. Candace was key in setting CPF NWT for success by bringing their finances back in line. Thanks to Candace for everything that she has done and accomplished for CPF during her tenure.
 - Morgan Shervey will be leaving CPF Alberta at Christmas. After starting as a summer student, working her way up to working full-time for us and then managing all of our social media, Morgan will continue to teach for the Lycée international de Calgary while starting a family.
 - Sylviane Pichardie joined the team as the Finance Manager. She works out of the National office in Ottawa and manages the finances for CPF National, CPF NWT and CPF NL. With more than 20 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, followed by another 20 years working for CMHC and other organizations, Sylviane brings a wealth of experience and expertise to CPF.
 - Kiyana Nanji finished her Bachelor of Education at CSJ and is currently teaching in the United Kingdom.
 - After spending almost a year working for CPF NWT, Nicole Tryon came across to work for CPF Alberta as a Special Project Coordinator and coordinates all programming for our French Family Fun weekends. Nicole works full-time as a French immersion teacher for Edmonton Public Schools.
- This was the second year of Alberta's UCP government. Highlights:
 - Official Languages Education Protocol funding continued to be cut for French immersion and French second language programs across Alberta as a result of the reallocation of funds by Alberta Education. As a result of some special project funding from the Government of Canada, FI and FSL programs will receive slightly more than a 100% increase in per student funding for the next three (3) years. It is anticipated that funding levels will return to normal and continue to decline should the current government stay in power. CPF Alberta continues to follow this.
 - Grades K-3 have had a new English language arts & literature and mathematics curriculum put in place for the fall of 2022. Additionally, all K-6 students will have a new physical education and wellness curriculum for the fall. The implementation of all other curriculums have been put on hold until the fall of 2023. CPF Alberta continues to follow this.
 - CPF Alberta was advised that a French Education Department will be re-established over the summer of 2022. It is unknown at this time what impact this will have on

relations with the Ministry and what support it will provide to French immersion and French second language programs.

- CPF Alberta continues to support CPF NWT with staff and the executive director. During the *National Network Leadership Event* in Edmonton in August, we are anticipating some changes to how the NWT will move forward, how programming will be delivered and how funding will be received. Two complete hiring campaigns were held to hire a staff person in Yellowknife with no successful candidates being found.
- This year, CPF Alberta got back into doing things “in-person” while maintaining a virtual presence:
 - Hosting the 7th annual *French Family Fun Weekend* in Jasper with 25 families and then the *Falling into French Family Weekend* in Canmore with 24 families.
 - Launched the first part of a province-wide socio-cultural school tour with Roger Dallaire.
 - Taking the lead on the CPF *Virtual French for Parents* programming.
 - Co-hosting with French for the Future more than 1,000 students from Greater Calgary at both a junior and senior high forums.
- Things to watch in 2022-23:
 - The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on French immersion and FSL programs.
 - What the Network decision will be around CPF NWT moving forward and how CPF Alberta fits into it.
 - The launching of an updated *French for Immersion Parents Levels 1 & 2* for delivery by our chapters.
 - The launch of a self-paced virtual *French for Immersion Parents* course.
 - The launch of a CPF Alberta Youth Engagement Committee for 16-25 year olds. It will be a committee that helps foster an advocative conversation between CPF and French speaking students.
 - The outcome of a provincial election.
 - What will become of the curriculum currently being implemented and what will happen moving forward.
 - How *Camping en Français* went!

Canadian Parents for French Alberta is also pleased to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

*Hier c'est l'histoire.
Demain est un mystère.
Et aujourd'hui?
Aujourd'hui est un cadeau c'est
pourquoi on l'appelle le présent.*

*Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
And today?
Today is a gift
And that is why we call it the present.*

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