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A new mandate for the CSPGNO political table

The members of the Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario (CSPGNO) held their inaugural 2022-2023 meeting on Friday, November 18. At the meeting, twelve trustees were officially sworn in, three of whom are serving their first term.

The trustees also held an organizational meeting where they elected a Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Anne-Marie Gélinault, trustee for the Greenstone and Thunder Bay regions, was re-elected as Board Chair and Ms. Francine Vaillancourt, trustee for the Greater Sudbury area, was re-elected as Vice-Chair, both for a third term.

Ms. Gélinault has served as Board trustee since 2006 and as Board Chair since 2020. As a trustee, Ms. Gélinault has served as Chair of the Facilities and Plant Committee and has participated in the Policy and Guidelines Committee, Audit Committee and Education Committee. In addition, Ms. Gélinault represents the CSPGNO on the Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario (ACEPO). Ms. Gélinault is delighted to continue to work on the Board's priority issues and says to be very fortunate to be at the table where student success and the future of students are at the forefront.

Ms. Francine Vaillancourt has served as a trustee since 2018 and as Vice-Chair since 2020. Mrs. Vaillancourt has worked in the field of education for over thirty years as an educational consultant, teacher and leader in improving student achievement. In her role as a trustee, Mrs. Vaillancourt has served on various Board committees such as the Facilities and Plant Committee, Human Resources Committee, Policy and Guidelines Committee and Special Education Committee. Ms. Vaillancourt is the CSPGNO representative on the Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario (ACEPO). Ms. Vaillancourt is very pleased to be working closely with committed trustees to ensure welcoming, forward-thinking, and inclusive learning environments for all students in the Board.

At the inaugural meeting, Mr. Sébastien Fontaine, Director of Education, took the opportunity to welcome former trustees and new-elected trustees Carole G. Anderson, Rachelle Beaubien and Andréane Chénier. On behalf of the children, parents and staff, Mr. Fontaine thanked the trustees for their commitment and work towards the advancement of French language public education in Northern Ontario.

Recognized for its keen sense of innovation and openness to the world, CSPGNO offers a French-language public education of the highest quality in fifteen elementary schools and eight secondary schools in the communities of Markstay, Noëlville, Greater Sudbury, Blind River, Elliot Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, Wawa, Dubreuilville, Marathon, Manitouwadge, Longlac and Thunder Bay. At CSPGNO, together we think BIG!

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