

This narrative history of a Residential School was researched and produced by the Government of Canada as part of its response to litigation and the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has not verified the content of this document. It is provided here for reference purposes only. Documented incidents of sexual and physical abuse are based on the documentary record and do not take into account survivor testimony.



You are welcome to contact the NCTR if you wish to add, comment on, or challenge any versions of the history presented herein.

**Fort Alexander Indian Residential School
IAP School Narrative**

NAME IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Schedule E/F)

Fort Alexander (Pine Falls)

OTHER NAMES KNOWN AS (AKAs)

1905 to 1925	Fort Alexander Boarding School [FAR-000003; FAR-000059; FAR-000014]
1925 to 1968	Fort Alexander Indian Residential School; Fort Alexander Residential School; Fort Alexander Residential and Day [FAR-002718; FAR-004235; FAR-004779-0000; FAR-000143-0001; FAR-005881; FAR-000338; FAR-000339]
1968 to 1970	Fort Alexander Student Residence [GUY-000440; RCM-005947-0001; FAR-000180]

LOCATION

The Fort Alexander IRS was located on the Fort Alexander Reserve Number 3, near Pine Falls, Manitoba [FAR-050000; FAR-002639; FAR-000180]. The Reserve was divided by the Winnipeg River, and the IRS was on Lot No. 60, on the south bank of the river, about one mile east of where the River falls into Lake Winnipeg [FAR-003300; FAR-050004]. As of 1949, the majority of homes, churches, schools, the road, electricity and telephone lines were situated on the south side of the River [FAR-005276].

PROVINCE/TERRITORY

Manitoba

OPERATING DATES AS AN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

These dates represent the time during which the Government of Canada was responsible for the operation of the Indian Residential School, excluding any periods of closure.

September 15, 1904 to June 30, 1970

As of September 1969, Fort Alexander IRS became a residence/hostel only. [ARS-001236; FAR-011993; FAR-011973-0000; FAR-011973-0001; FAR-011973-0002; FAR-002646-0001; FAR-002646-0002].

OPERATING DATES CONTEXT

The Fort Alexander Boarding school was opened and inspected as of September 15, 1904 [FAR-049999]. In 1954, Day School No. 2 (No. 548), which opened in 1950 near the Fort Alexander IRS, became part of the IRS. By September 1968, the IRS was referred to as Fort Alexander Student Residence [FAR-006019]. Classroom education was conducted at the IRS until the end of the 1968/69 school year, with 13 classrooms in use at that time [FAR-002929; FAR-080004-0000]. The Student Residence closed June 30, 1970 [FAR-000792; FAR-000180]. The Department retained five of the buildings for day school purposes, and part of the land reverted to Band ownership. The remaining buildings were turned over to the Fort Alexander Band Council and the student residence building was removed. One structure was subsequently used as a garment factory [FAR-000184-0003; FAR-000184-0005].

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Roman Catholic

- 1904 to 1970 Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
[FAR-050000; FAR-000059; FAR-060229; FAR-002264]
- 1905 to 1914 Sisters of St. Andrew of the Cross [Sœurs de Saint-André], or
Daughters of the Holy Cross [Filles de la Croix], or Sisters of the
Cross [Sœurs de la Croix]
[IMR-000281, pg.13; FAR-050005, pg. 31]
- July 1914 to 1970 Missionary Oblate Sisters, St. Boniface
[IMR-000281, pgs.13, 16; FAR-004124]

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Date	Event	Document Reference
September 15, 1904	Fort Alexander Indian Boarding School was opened and inspected as of September 15, 1904.	FAR-049999 FAR-002709-0001
1905 to 1906	As of the fiscal year 1905-1906, Fort Alexander Residential School was Government owned.	FAR-004019-0000
1905 to 1914	The Sisters from France known as "Filles de la Croix", or Sisters of the Cross, provided services at the school until 1914. For other names for this order, see Religious Affiliation, above.	IMR-000281, pgs.13, 16 FAR-050005, pg. 31
March, 14 1911	Operational Agreement between the Government and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate signed for the operation of the Fort Alexander Boarding School.	FAR-000059 FAR-000008-0001
July 1914	On July 18, 1914, the first Oblate Sisters arrived at the boarding school to work as teachers and domestic staff.	IMR-000281
August 2, 1921	The Principal of the Fort Alexander Boarding School was advised by the Government to discontinue the class for day pupils at the residential school.	FAR-000013 FAR-000014
1937 to 1939	In 1937, the Oblate Fathers remodeled and constructed an addition to an annex of the school building to be used as a Preventorium for school children in order to aid in the prevention of tuberculosis. The Preventorium was operated from January 1938 to August 1939. By November 1939, the building was being used by the residential school as a dormitory.	NPC-500112 FAR-060231 FAR-060226
March 1950	Some Residential students were discharged from the Residential School to attend Fort Alexander No. 2 Indian Day School when it opened adjacent to the IRS in March 1950. Day and residential students were integrated in both the IRS classroom block and in the separate Day School.	FAR-005277 FAR-060221 FAR-000237 FAR-005447 FAR-060222
1954	Farming at the IRS is abandoned.	FAR-000913-0002
September 1954	Effective September 1, 1954, the Fort Alexander Day School No. 2, which had previously been a separate administrative entity, amalgamated with the Fort Alexander Residential School. The former day school building became a classroom for the IRS. (Please see 1951 to 1957 in "Grades Taught section for more information).	FAR-004202 FAR-002913 FAR-002647 FAR-004203
July-September 1958	High school pupils from Fort Alexander Residential School were to be transferred to the Assiniboia Residential School effective September 1958. The Principal's Monthly Report for September 1958 confirms that only Beginner through Grades 7 were taught at the IRS.	FAR-002406 FAR-004196 FAR-004091

September 25, 1962	The Government entered into an Agreement with INDIANESCOM (Indian Eskimo Commission of the Roman Catholic Church) for the operation of Fort Alexander Indian Residential School.	FAR-000143-0001
1965 to 1966	Beginning January 1, 1965, kindergarten classes for the Fort Alexander IRS operated in a former separate Day School building. The kindergarten class was part of the IRS despite being held in a different building. The classes continued until sometime in 1966. (A May 1968 letter from the District Superintendent of Schools noted that the Day School building had not been used as a day or residential classroom for two years).	NCA-010791 FAR-002278 FAR-006365 FAR-003386 FAR-000155 FAR-002907
March to April 1966	The school establishment number for Fort Alexander IRS changed from 579 to 019.	FAR-000318 FAR-000319
August 1968	The school name changed from Fort Alexander Indian Residential School to Fort Alexander Student Residence.	GUY-000440 RCM-005947-0001
September 1969	Classroom education was no longer offered; Fort Alexander Student Residence had become a student residence only. The former classroom block became the Sagkeeng Consolidated School.	ARS-001236 FAR-012769
October 1969	The Fort Alexander Student Residence number was referred to as 552, formerly 019.	FAR-005472-0001
June 30, 1970	The Student Residence was considered unsafe for residential occupancy in 1969, and closed June 30, 1970. At the time of closure, 45 students were enrolled at the Residence. The Department retained five of the buildings for day school purposes, and part of the land reverted back to Band ownership. The remaining buildings were turned over to the Fort Alexander Band Council and the student residence building was removed. One structure was subsequently used as a garment factory.	FAR-000792 FAR-000180 FAR-000184-0003 FAR-000184-0005

EDUCATION OF STUDENTS

Grades taught at the Indian residential school

School Years	Grades offered	Document Reference
1904 to 1906	Grades 1 to 5	FAR-049999 FAR-050000
1906 to 1907	Grades 1 to 6	FAR-050002, pg. 14
1907 to 1916	Grades 1 to 5	FAR-050003 FAR-050013
1916 to 1920	Grades 1 to 6	FAR-050006 FAR-050015
1920 to 1921	Grades 1 to 5	FAR-050034
1921 to 1929	Grades 1 to 6	FAR-050016 FAR-050024
1929 to 1932	Grades 1 to 7	FAR-050035 FAR-050026
1932 to 1933	Grades 1 to 8 (There is no indication of where the Grade 8 classroom was located.)	FAR-050027
1933 to 1934	Grades 1 to 5 and Grade 7	FAR-050028
1934 to 1935	Grades 1 to 7	FAR-050029
1935 to 1937	Grades 1 to 5	FAR-050030 FAR-050031
1937 to 1939	Grades 1 to 6	FAR-050032 FAR-050033
1939 to 1940	Grades 1 to 7	FAR-070112
1940 to 1941	Grades 1 to 8	FAR-070112
1941 to 1943	Grades 1 to 9	FAR-070112
1944 to 1945	Grades 1 to 7	FAR-004056 FAR-004057
1945 to 1951	Grades 1 to 8	FAR-004059

		<p>FAR-004078 FAR-004061 FAR-004062 FAR-004063 FAR-004065 FAR-004066 FAR-004067 FAR-004069 FAR-004070 FAR-004073 FAR-004072</p>
1951 to 1957	<p>Grades taught in the Fort Alexander IRS No. 579 building from 1951 to 1957 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1951 to 1952: Grades 1 to 8 - 1953: Grades 1 to 9 - 1954 to 1955: Grades 1, Grades 3 to 10 - 1956: Grades 1 to 8 - 1957: Grades 1 to 10 <p>Grades taught in the Fort Alexander No. 2 Day School building (Establishment No. 548) from 1954 to 1957 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1954 to 1955: Grades 1 and 2 - 1956: Grades 1, 2 and 4 - 1957: Grades 1 to 5 	<p>FAR-005443 FAR-005444 FAR-005445 FAR-004154 FAR-004153 FAR-000585 FAR-002247 FAR-004073 FAR-004072 FAR-004074 FAR-000601 FAR-000602 FAR-000603 FAR-000597 FAR-000598 FAR-000599 FAR-000600 FAR-000593 FAR-000595 FAR-000596 FAR-000592 FAR-000594 FAR-000586 FAR-000587 FAR-000588 FAR-000589 FAR-000590 FAR-000581 FAR-000582 FAR-000583 FAR-000584 FAR-002245 FAR-002246 FAR-002242 FAR-002243 FAR-002244</p>
1952 to 1953	<p>Grades 1 to 9 Grade 9 was introduced in September 1952 (and continued until June 1953) for a small number of students, on an experimental basis.</p>	<p>FAR-000064 FAR-060218 FAR-060217 FAR-070106</p>
1953 to 1955	<p>Grades 1 to 10</p>	<p>FAR-070106 FAR-000594 FAR-000591</p>
1955 to 1956	<p>Grades Kindergarten to Grade 8</p>	<p>FAR-000241 FAR-004081 FAR-004084</p>
1956 to 1957	<p>Grades 1 to 10</p>	<p>FAR-002855 FAR-004779-0000 FAR-000245-0000 FAR-000251</p>
1957 to 1958	<p>Grades 1 to 11 Grade 11 was added in September with pupils transferred in from other reserves. Grades 10 and 11 were combined at that time due to low</p>	<p>FAR-049996-0001 FAR-060210-0001 FAR-000258</p>

	enrolment. Grades 1 to 3 were taught together by one teacher in the Day School building, and Grades 3 to 11 were taught in the IRS building for both day and IRS students. Instruction in Home Economics was given in the main building in a room at one end of a dormitory wing. Manual training was newly organized and taught in the building that had been used as a repair shop.	
1958 to 1960	Grades Beginner to 7 High school pupils from Fort Alexander Residential School were transferred to the Assiniboia Residential School effective September 1958.	FAR-004091 FAR-004097 FAR-002406
1960 to 1961	Grades Kindergarten to Grade 8	FAR-004099
1961 to 1963	Grades Beginner/Pre-1 to 8	FAR-004107 FAR-000288
1963 to 1964	Grades 1 to 8 and Special Education	FAR-000292 FAR-000301
September 1964 to December 1964	Grades 1 to 8	FAR-000302 FAR-000305
January 1965 to 1969	Kindergarten to Grade 8	FAR-000306 FAR-080006
1969 to 1970	Though the exact date Fort Alexander IRS became a residence only could not be located, documents indicate that there were no classrooms in operation at the IRS as of September 1969.	ARS-001236 FAR-012769

Please note that Quarterly Returns for the Fort Alexander Student Residence from September 1968 to June 1970 note that there were, on average, four students in grade ten living in the residence [FAR-003503-0001; FAR-003502-0001; FAR-003500-0001; FAR-003501-0001; FAR-006004-0001; FAR-006002-0001; FAR-006001; FAR-006000-0001]. However, other documents indicate that from January 1965 to 1969, only Kindergarten to grade 8 was taught at Fort Alexander Student Residence [FAR-000306; FAR-000325; FAR-000332; FAR-080004-0000; FAR-080006].

Other Schools Attended by Residents

School Years	Name of School	Location	Administration	Grades	Document
1965 to 1968	Powerview Collegiate (Provincial high school)	Powerview, Manitoba	Agassiz School Division No. 13	9	FAR-006189 FAR-006190 FAR-006168-0000 RCM-000330 FAR-012637 RCM-005769-0000 RCM-005799 RCM-000347 FAR-005881

GENERAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME

School Years	Number of Residents	If applicable, day scholars	Document Reference
--------------	---------------------	-----------------------------	--------------------

1904 to 1906	45	N/A	FAR-049999 FAR-050000
1907 to 1922	65 (average)	1 day school classroom in August 1921 (number of students unknown).	FAR-050002 FAR-050016 FAR-000014
1923 to 1930	86 (average)	N/A	FAR-050017 FAR-050035
1931 to 1948	111 (average)	N/A	FAR-050025 FAR-000230
1949 to 1958	130 (estimate)	40 (average)	FAR-000235 FAR-003554
1959 to 1960	101 (average)	62 (average)	FAR-000265-0000 FAR-004097
1961 to 1962	104 (average)	127 (average)	FAR-000276 FAR-004108
1963 to 1964	83 (average)	236 (average)	FAR-000292 FAR-000301
1965 to 1969	93 (average)	273 (average)	FAR-000306 FAR-080006
1970	45	426	FAR-006000-0001 FAR-012964

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

School Years	Special Programs Offered	Document Reference
1904	Playgrounds and games for rainy days and evening hours.	FAR-049999
1914	Outdoor activities, games, swings, baseball, football, and parallel bars.	FAR-004126
1963	Hockey, skating, films, games handicrafts and music.	FAR-004000-0004
1964	Piano lessons.	FAR-002259
1965	Organized sports with provincial schools, singing, track and field meets.	FAR-002194 FAR-002188 FAR-002189
1967	Track and field meet, hockey, tobogganing, baseball, films, games music and field trip.	FAR-005353 FAR-000563-0008
1968	Hockey, films, swings, and baseball.	FAR-000564-0009

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Date	Event	Document Reference
1904	The main building of the boarding school was constructed.	FAR-002709-0001
1905	The Principal at Fort Alexander IRS asked the Government for permission to move the former day school building from the Fort Alexander Reserve to a point adjacent to the new school, in order to use it as a workshop for the residential school. The Government agreed, so long as the building was placed on a portion of the property to be conveyed to the Crown in connection with the school.	FAR-000003
1912 to 1913	A two storey block with a basement was added to the west end of the institution.	FAR-004126
1922 to 1923	An annex was added to the main residence building. The annex included a new laundry, and may also have included a dormitory, a play room and a staff room.	FAR-002782 FAR-003876 FAR-003281-0000 FAR-002709-0001, pgs. 3, 7-8

1937 to 1939	In 1937 the Oblate Fathers remodeled and constructed an addition to an annex of the school building to be used as a Preventorium to aid in the prevention of tuberculosis. The Preventorium was operated from January 1938 to August 1939. By November 1939, the building was being used as a dormitory.	NPC-500112 FAR-060231 FAR-060226
1956 to 1957	When the Fort Alexander IRS classrooms became overcrowded, the Government rented a house owned by the Oblates for Home Economics instruction. Rent was paid to the Oblates by the Government for over one year. The house was located "at some distance" from the IRS, close to the barn, and was initially bought by the IRS Principal for a family who was working for the IRS farm and taking care of the barn. The house later became occupied by a man who farmed the land belonging to the IRS, but it became vacant when farming at the IRS was abandoned in 1954.	FAR-060210-0001 FAR-004189-0000 FAR-000913-0002
1959 to 1960	A four-classroom block plus vocational training and assembly hall was constructed at the Fort Alexander IRS.	FAR-003809 FAR-003395-0001 FAR-003831-0000
1963	The Home Economics room at the school was partitioned in order to accommodate the remedial class.	FAR-002577
1965 to 1966	Beginning in January 1965 kindergarten classes for the Residential School were held in the former Fort Alexander Anglican Day School building No. 512, which had closed effective August 31, 1964. (One document refers to the school building as No. 579B.) As of May 1968, the No. 512 school building had not been used as a classroom for two years, dating back to approximately June 1966.	FAR-003300 FAR-003390 FAR-002278 FAR-001075 FAR-000155 FAR-006365
1968 to 1970	A list of Crown owned dwellings to be deleted from Education Branch listings dated 1969 shows that a three bedroom bungalow at the Fort Alexander Student Residence was turned over to the Band in August, 1968, and a one bedroom apartment was converted to a classroom. Two vacated classrooms that were part of the Fort Alexander Residential School grounds were turned over to the Fort Alexander Band.	FAR-005472-0001 FAR-012964 FAR-011963-0000 FAR-006082-0001 FAR-002646-0000 FAR-002646-0001 FAR-002646-0002
1972	While some of the buildings at the old Fort Alexander Residential School were retained as day schools, much of the IRS building had been removed from the site. Fort Fashion, a garment factory, was operating in part of the old student residence. The Government began the process of transferring the lands of the former Student Residence back to the Fort Alexander Band.	FAR-004528-0000 FAR-004528-0001

PHOTOS, PLANS AND LAYOUT

Date	Description	Document Reference
Undated	Plans of alterations and additions front and rear elevations, basement, ground and second floors and dormitory storage.	FAR-060000-0000 to FAR-060000-0009
June 30, 1906	The three storey school building was 70x40 feet, with a basement. The kitchen, laundry, two dining-rooms, pantries, store-room for vegetables, and a furnace room were located in the basement. On the first floor was the chapel, parlors, two school rooms and a recreation room for the boys. On the second floor were two infirmaries - one for boys and one for girls. Also on the second floor was the playroom for girls,	FAR-050000

	the sewing room and apartments for the Sisters. The third floor contained dormitories and rooms for guardians.	
October 17, 1911	Plan of school grounds.	FAR-006408 FAR-006409
March 25, 1914	The main school building contained a playroom for boys, dining rooms for the Principal and the pupils, the kitchen, a store room pantry, vegetable room, and oven room. On the first floor the main entrances led to a hall and classrooms, the chapel, the Assistant Principal's room, a small storeroom, and shoe shop. On the second floor of the older part of the building was the sleeping apartment of the Sisters and a female teacher, the sewing room, a playroom for girls, and infirmaries for girls and boys with bathrooms attached to each. On the second floor of the new part of the building was the dorm for boys and on the third floor of the older part was the dorm for girls. The school site also housed a new laundry building, machine shop and pump house, a stable for horse and cattle, implement shed, hay barn, ice house, and hen house.	FAR-004126
1922	Diagram of proposed school building.	FAR-002783-0001
1923	Diagrams of barn and stables.	FAR-002684-0002 FAR-002689-0001
1933	Proposed alterations to school.	FAR-002738-0002
June 13, 1946	The basement of the residential school building contained the playroom for boys, mending room, two boiler rooms, a kitchen, dining room, a dining room for the Sisters, bathroom, playroom for girls, laundry and two store rooms. The ground floor housed the reception room, pharmacy, visitor's room, chapel, two classrooms and the staff dining room. The second floor contained the sewing room, junior sewing room, store room, sunroom, junior classroom, Sisters' community room, Sister Superior's room, an infirmary, sleeping quarters for the Sisters and one dorm. On the third floor were two bathrooms and two more dormitories.	FAR-003299-0001
July 1947	Plan of Girls Dormitory and Bedroom (third floor)	FAR-002425-0002 FAR-002425-0001, pg. 5
(Circa) 1952	Plan of main school and annex basements in connection to new fire escapes.	FAR-002425-0001
January 1958	Diagram of six classroom school with home economics and industrial arts at Fort Alexander IRS.	FAR-006404
June 1958	Diagram of standard four-room school with vocational training and assembly hall at Fort Alexander IRS.	FAR-006406
November 1958	Floor plan of house (at Fort Alexander IRS site)	FAR-002672-0001
April 20, 1961	The new four classroom building also contained a shop, a Home Economics room, and a two-room auditorium. The Home Economics unit was in operation, but the shop was being used as a Grade one classroom. The shop was to be fully operational the next year. The teacher's lodge was located in the old residential building. There was a playground near the building and the surfacing at the time was muddy and unfinished.	FAR-000575
Circa 1965	Sketch plan showing the portions of Lot No. 60 occupied by the Roman Catholic Mission bordered yellow and that portion leased by agreement bordered red.	FAR-000697
Circa 1965	Site plan of Fort Alexander IRS including Churches, workshop, one classroom day school, four classroom day school and other buildings.	FAR-004795-0002
1965	Diagram of house and classroom.	FAR-002654-0001
May 4, 1967	Site plan of Fort Alexander IRS and Day School	FAR-002642-0001

	building in connection with suggested location of new pump house.	
1968	Diagram of proposed sewage system at Fort Alexander, which included sketch of school location.	FAR-002643-0001
March 1968	Sketch for a new shop to replace old shop.	FAR-06366-0004
October 25, 1968	Shop drawings for replacement of fire escape.	FAR-006337-0001 FAR-006337-0002 FAR-006337-0003
January 1970	Diagram of suggested renovations to Kindergarten classrooms in old school block.	FAR-011973-0003
Circa April 1972	Location plan of Lot 60 on the Fort Alexander Reserve showing main student residence building and two school buildings.	FAR-004528-0002 FAR-004528-0000

DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO SCHOOL INCIDENTS

To date, we are unaware of any convictions for abuse at Fort Alexander IRS or of any convicted abusers present at the school during the period that the Government of Canada was responsible for its operation.

Below is a chronological list of identifiable complaints and/or allegations of abuse received by Government officials, and information regarding the follow-up and outcome, available from historical documents in AANDC's possession.

Incidents (Physical)

February 6, 1963 In a letter, a truant Fort Alexander IRS student expressed fear at returning to the institution, alleged frequent rebukes by staff and the likelihood of corporal punishment upon return [FAR-000185-0001].

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In 1961, Home Economics was taught to girls attending the Powerview Community High School once a week and Manual Training classes were taught to day school boys and men from the Fort Alexander Reserve at the Fort Alexander IRS [FAR-002542-0000; RCM-000098].

Preventorium

On July 6, 1937, the Government gave approval for the Oblates to modify the "outside building" at Fort Alexander IRS for use as a Preventorium, to aid in the prevention of tuberculosis. The Government would continue the usual school per capita grants for children admitted to the Preventorium, and in addition was prepared to pay an extra 25 cents per day per child during their stay [FAR-002122]. The Preventorium opened in January 1938 and it accommodated approximately 30 children during its operation [FAR-060226; FAR-002140-0001; NPC-500112]. In a January 1939 letter to the Director of Medical Services, DIAND, a doctor from the St. Boniface Sanatorium noted that the original purpose of the Preventorium was to provide generally unwell children a place to be given extra care and medical supervision, and that potentially infectious cases of tuberculosis should not be admitted [FAR-002161-0001]. The doctor expressed concern regarding the recent admission of "spreader" cases to the Preventorium, as they could possibly contaminate the children at the residential school, with whom they associated freely except in regard to sleeping quarters. If the Preventorium was to be run as a "spreader school," the doctor recommended a separate dining room with separate dishes, classroom and playgrounds, and no interaction between Preventorium children and other students at the residential school. The Preventorium at Fort Alexander IRS closed in August 1939 as recommended by officers of the Manitoba Tuberculosis Sanatorium Board, since the institution was not accomplishing the results expected and the health of the children at the residence was potentially at risk [NPC-500112; FAR-060226]. By November 1939, the closed Preventorium was in use as a dormitory for Fort Alexander IRS [FAR-060231]. An

Last updated June 6, 2012

October 1946 letter written by the Principal at Fort Alexander IRS describes the former Preventorium building as annexed to the school [FAR-060226].

PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS

Name	Position	Tenure Dates
Rev. Father Ph. Vales (Valis)	Principal	September 1905 to August 1911
Rev. Father H.M. Brassard	Principal	September 1911 to September 1913
Rev. Father Paul Bousquet	Principal	September 1913 to at least March 1914
Rev. Father Phillipe Geelen (Gellon, Gellen)	Acting Principal	1915 to at least March 1918
Rev. Father Paul Bousquet	Principal	At least March 1919 to October 1927
Rev. Father Mathias Kalmes	Principal	October 1927 to September 1933
Rev. Father S. Perrault	Principal	October 1933 to June 1936
Rev. Father Joseph Brachet	Principal	July 1936 to August 1949
Rev. Father Charles Ruest	Principal	September 1949 to August 1956
Rev. Father Victor Bilodeau	Principal	September 1956 to June 1958
Rev. Father Gaston Lebleu	Principal	August 1958 to mid January 1960
Rev. Father Leon Jalbert	Principal	Last week of January 1960 to August 1966
Rev. Father Arthur Zenophile Joseph Massé	Principal Administrator*	August 1966 to March 1968 April 1968 to July 1969*
Orville Edmond Weselowski	Senior Teacher Principal*	September 1967 to June 1969 April 1968 to June 1969
Rev. Father Antonio Fortin	Administrator	August 1969 to June 1970

* Documents indicate that Mr. Weselowski's official position at Fort Alexander IRS was as Senior Teacher from September 1967 to June 1969, and that he also acted as the Principal in charge of the classroom administration from April 1968 to June 1969. Due to the Departmental policy of separating the administration of classrooms and the residence, the person designated Senior Teacher was to become known as "Principal" of the classroom block or day school. Documents demonstrate that Mr. Weselowski acted in the role of Principal for the "Fort Alexander Residential and Day School" as early as April, 1968, in signing Principal's Monthly Reports. However, Mr. Weselowski also continued to act as the Senior Teacher until November 1968, indicating that the full separation of the administration and the classrooms may have been delayed until at least December 1968. By September 1969, classroom education was no longer offered; Fort Alexander Student Residence had become a student residence only. [FAR-004700-0242; FAR-000333; FAR-000336; FAR-000773; FAR-004700-0224; FAR-000339; FAR-000340; FAR-006354; FAR-080004-0000; FAR-006019; FAR-004700-0208; FAR-004700-0196; NCA-012999; FAR-004700-0198; FAR-080006; FAR-004700-0176; ARS-001236; FAR-012769].

Narrative Completed: September 16, 2011
Narrative Updated: June 6, 2012

The original school narrative document produced by Canada also contains a number of records that have been separated pending review.



National Centre for
Truth and Reconciliation
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA