

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



September 9, 2020



Trustees: (back row) Connie Huelsman, Vice Chair Melissa Copley, Allan Tarnoczi, Superintendent Kurt Sacher, Gord Kerr, Joe-Anne Knispel-Matejka (front row) Chair Holly Bilton, Colleen Butler, Sherry Cooper, Trudy James

Covid-19 Update:

Shawn Russell, Associate Superintendent Corporate Services, provided an update on the extensive sanitizing and safety protocols underway in schools. The Chinook's Edge portion of the recently announced Federal Government funding amounted to approximately \$4 million, which will be directed to the additional costs associated with increased caretaking staff, cleaning supplies, PPE, and additional staff for students who are currently accessing remote learning. Although schools are working to provide in-school students with a learning experience that is as close to normal as possible, there are several modifications required to ensure the highest sanitation possible. Fogger machines have been ordered for each school, which are spray disinfection systems that meet all environmental and public health standards.

Student Enrolment Numbers:

Student numbers were discussed, although these numbers are expected to fluctuate prior to the final report being filed with the provincial government on September 30. This year's enrolment numbers, which also include approximately 475 students who are currently learning remotely, are slightly lower than recent years. With just under 10,900 students, enrolment is approximately 200 under projected numbers as of today's date.

Summer School Report:

The Board reviewed a report from the three Chinook's Edge communities where Summer School was held, with modified programming to adhere to Covid restrictions. Sylvan Lake had 46 registered students, Innisfail had 45 students and Olds had 49 students. Chinook's Edge provides Summer School opportunities each year so that students can take courses to upgrade existing marks, complete a required course missing from their timetable, or for personal reasons.

Technology Quarterly Report:

Karyn Barber, Associate Superintendent System Services, provided an extensive report on the Technology Services plans to continue moving technology forward to increase safe, innovative and collaborative learning opportunities for students. The strength of the division's reliable technology allowed learning to move forward during the disruption in the spring, and is proving pivotal to continued uninterrupted learning during this time of Covid.



Election of Board Executive:

The Chinook's Edge Board of Trustees held their annual Organizational Meeting on September 9th, which involves the election of the Board's executive positions. The Board elected Holly Bilton as Chair and Melissa Copley as Vice Chair.

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Board Committees:

Trustees committed to the Board's standing and ad hoc committees, as part of the Organizational Committee Meeting. A full list will be available on the Board section of the Division website.

School trips:

The Board of Trustees passed a motion to postpone all student field trips that require transportation and all out of province staff professional development and meetings until further notice.



Plans and processes:

At an Education Committee meeting on August 26, all five Associate Superintendents in Chinook's Edge provided Trustees with a view of the year ahead, including the innovations underway in their areas and potential challenges they may face. Ray Hoppins (People Services, presenting in photo), Marcie Perdue (Student Services), Karyn Barber (System Services), Shawn Russell (Corporate Services) and Jason Drent (Learning Services) each presented their annual plans.

***Under the School Act, School Board responsibilities are to govern, advocate and promote.
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The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

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