

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 10, 2021



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## **Inclement Weather Red Days:**

The Board discussed the unusual situation the division currently finds itself in, where the severely low cold temperatures have resulted in multiple days of school closures throughout the entire division. The Central Office team will be reviewing details of the division's processes, with involvement from the Parents Matter and Teachers Matter committees, and all school administrators. While the top priority remains safety of students, staff and families, it is recognized that these closures create a variety of challenges.

## **Technology Update:**

Karyn Barber, Associate Superintendent of System Services, provided a quarterly technology report which included discussion and possible solutions for families who are experiencing challenges with Internet provision to facilitate student learning from home when necessary. The work of technology in Chinook's Edge is supported by an advisory group comprised of administrator and teacher representatives from schools across the division.

## **COVID-19 Update:**

The Central Office team has spent considerable time with school staff to clarify guidelines around recent updates to provincial regulations which involve a certain lifting of restrictions to athletics. The change allows ten people including coaches to practice, as long as they remain physically distanced and masked. The 'no game play' rule is still in place for sports teams, meaning the change basically allows for athletic practices.

## **Financial Planning:**

Superintendent Kurt Sacher provided an update on the annual RAWG planning (Resource Allocation Working Group), which involves an annual transparent exploration of school-specific budgets as a full group of administrators. This year's RAWG process got underway in January, with a workflow that involves: a review of last year's process and outcomes; meeting, planning and feedback from all school administrators; class size review; and the provincial budget announcements. Finally, a comprehensive full day of virtual collaboration with all school administrators will be held in March to prepare the RAWG allocations for next school year.

## **Social-Emotional Well-being Framework:**

Members of the Student Services team presented an in depth approach they are exploring to broaden the reach of student supports in schools. The Board was pleased with these plans and encouraged the team to continue building their plan. More details on this will be provided in a media release in the near future.

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The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on March 10, 2021.

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