

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 10, 2021



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

Capital Plan:

The Board approved the 2022-2025 Capital Plan report which outlines the division's most pressing capital needs: 1) new 500 capacity Penhold Middle School; 2) new 800 capacity Grade 10-12 high school in Sylvan Lake; 3) new 400 capacity K-5 elementary school in Olds to address enrolment pressures; 4) new 500 capacity K-8 Liberty Landing school to accommodate growth in Gasoline Alley. The report will be filed with the provincial government and will be made available on the Board section (Plans and Reports) of the website.

COVID-19 Update:

The Board approved short local field trips for physical education and outdoor education classes to resume if it is a single cohort (no combining of classes), the trip does not expose the cohort to other cohorts or large public groups, any school-owned bus used for the trip is sanitized after each use, all COVID-19 guidelines are followed, and pre-approval is provided by the Superintendent. This will allow schools to access nearby cross-country trails, for instance, but no other field trips will be permitted until further notice.

Transportation Quarterly Update:

The Transportation Committee shared an update: costs are coming in slightly under budget as costs for fuel and bus parts remain lower than estimated; the total number of bus routes remains at 116 and the ride times are unchanged from the last report; five used 82 passenger buses have been purchased to serve urban routes as part of the ongoing fleet renewal plan.

May City Colony School:

The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the May City Hutterite Colony School, commencing operations on August 27, 2021, as a Chinook's Edge School Division school near the Olds community, subject to final approval by Alberta Education.

Upcoming graduation season:

High Schools and K-12 Schools are moving forward with their graduation planning within COVID-19 restrictions, with support from the Superintendency Team.

Under the Education Act, School Board responsibilities are to govern, advocate and promote. For more information please visit [About the Board](#).

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on April 7, 2021.

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